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Equity Marketing, Inc. 2003 Annual Report





Beginning June 1, 2004: Equity Marketing, Inc. becomes EMAK Worldwide, Inc.



EMAK Worldwide is the creatively inspired, globally integrated parent company of Equity Marketing, Johnson Grossfield, Logistix Kids, Pop Rocket, SCI Promotion and Upshot.

The various companies within the EMAK Worldwide family are leaders in their field, focusing on the design and execution of strategy-based marketing programs. These programs are designed to drive measurable sales and enhance brand value for world-class clients.

At the foundation, EMAK
Worldwide is built on four
integrated pillars of strength –
Branded Product, Integrated
Marketing, Kids Marketing
and Entertainment Marketing.
The common link within the
four pillars is our comprehensive
understanding of consumer
behavior combined with a
proprietary insight into trends
in popular culture.

It's this combination, along with diverse disciplines, that allows us not only to affect consumer behavior, but more importantly to change it.







**TROSSFIELD** 





#### Branded Product: Integrated Marketing:

SCI Promotion specializes in product-based promotional programs for the nation's largest retail department stores and other consumeroriented companies, and the Consumer Products division, soon to be operated under the brand identity Pop Rocket, focuses on the development and marketing of a wide variety of children's products based on emerging and evergreen licensed properties.

**Upshot** serves as a full-service marketing agency specializing in the development and implementation of consumer behavior-based marketing programs, with particular expertise in promotion, event, collaborative, retail and environmental design and integrated communications.

#### Kids Marketing:

Logistix Kids and Johnson Grossfield specialize in highly targeted promotional programs focused on children utilizing proprietary research tools and delivering expertise in new concept development.

#### Entertainment Marketing:

Our legacy **Equity Marketing** business, including Burger King, focuses on the design and execution of trafficdriving promotions tied to entertainment and other intellectual properties.



#### Dear employees, clients and fellow shareholders

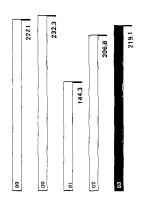
#### "Inspired. Frustrated. Optimistic."

These words summarize my sentiments as I look back at 2003 and look to the future.

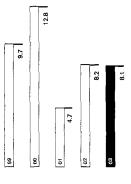
Never before has Equity Marketing had the diversity of clients, geographic reach, array of marketing services and complementary consumer product brands it now has.

Never before has our Company enjoyed such a strong reputation in the marketing community. Never before have we been fortunate enough to have the management and staff talent that we now employ. And most importantly, never before have we had more reasons to look to the future with true excitement and optimism, confident in our ability to consistently grow faster than the market and significantly build the value of our franchise.

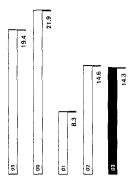
Yet our financial results did not live up to the expectations we had when we began the year. Our results were not bad, as revenue grew modestly, gross margins were up, and net income and earnings per share before charges were relatively flat. But that isn't the kind of performance we expect from ourselves and that you should expect from



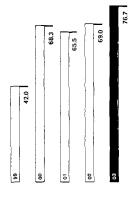
Revenues in millions



Net Income in millions, excluding charges<sup>1</sup>



**EBITDA** in millions, excluding charges<sup>1</sup> (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization)



Stockholders' Equity & Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock in millions

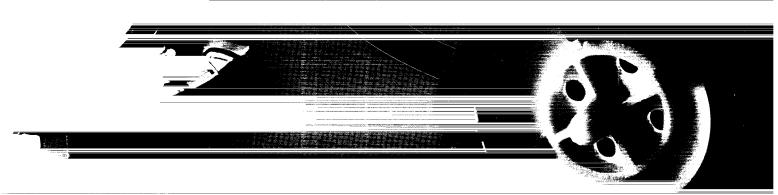
In 1999, excludes the after-tax impact of a restructuring gain of \$0.6 million and the AmeriServe bankruptcy bad debt expense of \$1.0 million. In 2000, excludes the after-tax impact of a restructuring gain of \$0.4 million, an asser impairment charge of \$8.5 million and the AmeriServe bankruptcy bad debt expense of \$0.5 million. In 2001, excludes the after-tax impact of integration costs of \$0.2 million. In 2002, excludes the after-tax impact of forgiveness of note receivable of \$1.7 million, integration costs of \$5.5 million and a restructuring charge of \$0.2 million. 2002 results also exclude a cumulative effect of change in accounting principles of \$2.5 million ner of tax. In 2003, excludes the after-tax impact of a net restructuring charge of \$0.1 million. Including these charges, net income for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 was \$9.4 million, \$5.3 million, \$4.6 million and \$7.9 million, respectively.

respective pressure, and for 13 years, the religing Company has relied on Logistix Kids to provide solutions that drive sales of its popular brands remainstrationally. Coming up with a hot promotional idea before the competition does can often mean the enforce between a good sales year and a great one.

## Kellogg's® Beyblade™

-2003, Logistix Kids used its proprietary	italy, Spain, Scandinavia, South Africa,
precasting and evaluation tool, Kids Frack, to	Australia and Latin America. In fact, the
entify the early signs that Beyblade™ would	Beyblade™ promotion has been so success-
ce the next major craze with Kellogg's target	ful that three markets have run repeat promo-
consumers, and so an in-pack premium was	tions with a second set of spinners.
cern. The Beyblade <sup>m</sup> Attack Spinners worked as	
super-speed spinning tops straight from the	The global rollout of the Beyblade™ campaign
eack to provide instant fun and entertainment.	makes it one of the largest-volume activities
	wer delivered by Logistix Kids and one of the
se promotion ran first in the United Kingdom	most significant international campaigns run
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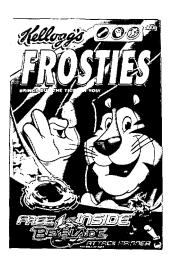




your management team at Equity Marketing. As I imagine is true at many companies, we struggle with the correct balance between long-term investments (in staff, new business development, technology and the like) and the need for short-term profitability growth. We believe great companies find a way to deliver on both counts, and we aspire to be a great company. We scored well on part of this equation in 2003 – setting ourselves up for long-term growth – but fell short on the short-term profit requirement. We are committed to doing better in 2004 – growing sales and earnings at a double-digit rate while building the long-term value of the franchise through continued diversification.

I will review our plans for 2004 and beyond a bit later in this letter, but first a brief recap of 2003's results:

- > Revenues in 2003 were \$219.1 million, an increase of 5.9% over last year;
- > Gross margin of 27.8% represented an improvement of 180 basis points over 2002 due to a higher mix of non-Burger King marketing services revenues and a strong year for our Consumer Products division;
- > Operating expenses were \$49.3 million, or 22.5% of revenues, a slight increase over 2002;
- Net income in 2003 was \$7.9 million, or \$1.03 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$4.2 million, or \$0.56 per diluted share, in 2002. Excluding a restructuring charge, net income was \$8.1 million, or \$1.05 per diluted share, in 2003. Before various charges and cumulative effect of change in accounting principles, net income was \$8.2 million, or \$1.08 per diluted share, in 2002; and
- > At year-end we had over \$19 million in cash, no debt and combined share-holders' equity and preferred stock of \$76.7 million.



The Beyblade™ campaign's success was due in part to early identification of the potential of the entertainment property and perfect timing of the promotional launch, right as the buzz from Beyblade™ reached its peak.

required by Equity Marketing in 2003, SCI Promotion has a keen eye for developing successful promotional programs for its retail department store clients. The challenge posed to SCI Promotion by ohl's was to identify a hot property with broad appeal, and create an attractive set of well-priced plush products for use as a fundraiser for the Kohl's Cares for Kids\* program. Through the program, Kohl's stores offer special items for sale with all profits donated to more than 40 children's hospitals across the country.

### Kohl's The Cat in the Hat®



We faced two primary challenges in 2003 that impacted our results. First, we experienced lower unit volumes in our promotional programs for Burger King Corporation. As Burger King retools under the new ownership of Texas Pacific Group, Goldman Sachs Capital Partners and Bain Capital, our sales to them have been impacted. We expect this trend to continue in 2004 before reversing in 2005 as this great brand begins its next era of growth.

Second, we experienced a significant decline in our *Scooby-Doo*<sup>™</sup> consumer products sales as compared to a strong 2002, which benefited from the successful feature film. We expect *Scooby-Doo*<sup>™</sup> sales to recover in 2004, as the feature film sequel was released March 26, 2004.



With its The Cat in the Hat\* holiday program developed by SCI Promotion, Kohl's was able to offer exciting and desirable promotional items to support its charitable efforts.

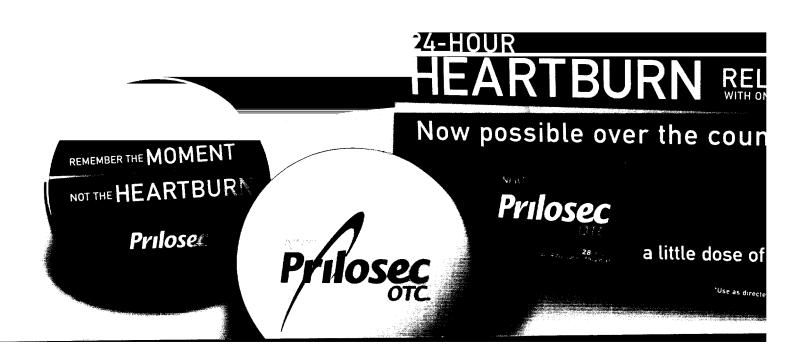
While these two areas of impact were largely out of our control, we had other opportunities that we did not fully capitalize on to more effectively offset this decline. For example, our Upshot integrated marketing business, while profitable, did not contribute the type of growth we expected. And we came very close on some significant pieces of new business in our custom promotional products business that ultimately didn't materialize. We have put in place plans to improve these areas in 2004.

On a positive note, our Logistix Kids business, with offices in the United Kingdom and Paris, had another outstanding year, growing its marketing services business substantially over 2002. Since we acquired Logistix in mid-2001, it has delivered annual growth in sales and operating income beyond our expectations.

- When Procter & Gamble wanted to maximize the national launch of its heartburn medication Prilosec OTC™, an earnbarny turned to Upshot to devise an integrated marketing campaign to increase awareness, educate consumers and unimately drive sales of the new product. In turn, as one of the nation's largest drugstore causes, CVS/pharmacy wanted to position itself as THE source for Prilosec OTC™.
- Procter & Gamble Prilosec OTC

mer Upshot's "A Little Dose of Life" campaign,	The campaign was targeted at CVS's shopper
= <del>bread</del> -based program built on the premise	pase of busy mothers, active women with little
met the little moments in life are what it's	spare time. It showcased "captured moments"
all about. Those precious moments can be	or spontaneity and enjoyment while integrating
reger to enjoy when a person suffers from	equity elements from both manufacturer and
eartourn. Prilosec OTC™ offers a daily dose	retailer. The result was a successful example of a
erelief that can give back time once spent	truly collaborative marketing program, proprietary
suffering from heartburn.	to CVS and particularly appealing to the CVS
	supposer's desire to live "Life to the Fullest."

Now Available



During 2003, we were named as one of the top 10 marketing services companies in the United States by PROMO® Magazine and in the United Kingdom by *Marketing* magazine, both leading trade publications. These were great achievements for us, and we believe we will benefit in the future from the increased awareness and visibility generated by these rankings.

And our Consumer Products business had a good year, with the introduction of Disney's *Kim Possible*™ and an expanded line of Crayola® retail bath products. Importantly it was the division's most profitable year ever, as gross margins improved from 30.3% in 2002 to 39.3% in 2003.

From a client standpoint, we have the most diversified revenue mix since the Company went public in 1994. Our non-Burger King-related revenues increased from \$46 million, or 20% of revenues in 2000, to \$94 million, or 43% of revenues in 2003. We expect to make further progress on our diversification in 2004.

And we have set ourselves up for future growth with the acquisitions of SCI Promotion (SCI) and Johnson Grossfield (JGI) in September 2003 and February 2004, respectively. These businesses have developed strong positions in two industries that are among the largest users of promotional marketing services—retail department stores and quick service restaurants. SCI has established itself as the premier marketing services company to the retail department store industry, and counts nine of the top ten department stores in the country as its customers, including Kohl's, Macy's, May Department Stores, Nordstrom and Sears. JGI has a twelve-year relationship with Subway Restaurants providing custom licensed premiums for Subway's kids marketing program.

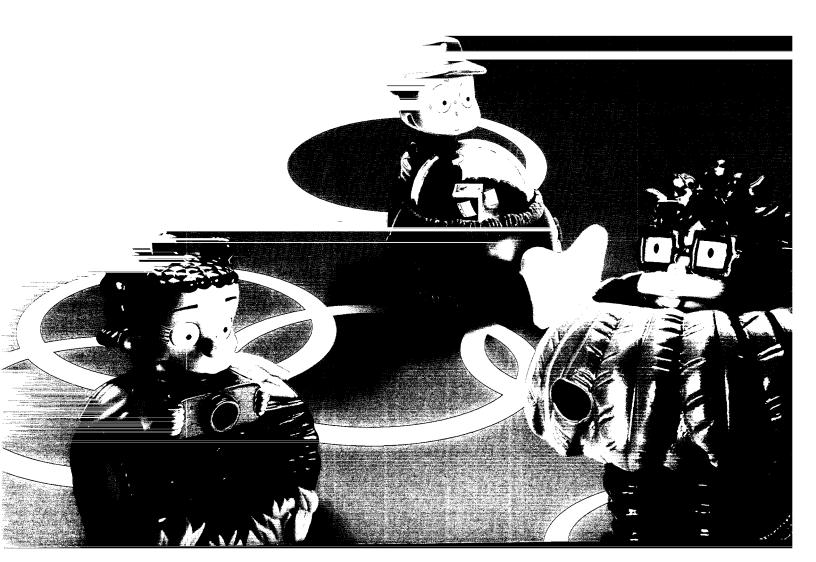


Demonstrating the delicate balance of collaborative marketing, the messaging in the Prilosec OTC™ campaign builds a link between Prilosec OTC™'s branding, CVS/pharmacy's positioning and the campaign's creative elements.

or the Burger King\* national summer promotion, Equity Marketing collaborated with the Burger King\* carketing team to conceive a broad promotional program surrounding the theatrical release of *Rugrats* to *Wild!* with engaging, high-quality toys as the centerpiece. Each of the eight toys provided its own ersion of summer fun and was a "Travel Adventure to Go," which could be enjoyed equally at home, the restaurant and even on the road.

### Burger King Rugrats™

sking the level of creativity to new heights, the	The combination of a feature film with "all
eremetion included the development of a unique	family" appeal, broad-based advance media
sensory experience: Rugrats Go Wild! was the	buildup and an integrated theater component
est kids movie ever to be shown in interactive	added up to a marked increase in sales for
<del>"Эdorama." Each to</del> y in a Burger King <sup>®</sup> Kids	Burger King® Kids Meals. Rugrats Go Wild!
teal came with an exclusive scratch-and-snift	was the most successful Burger King® kids
xerc=mat featured smells from the movie's	promotion of the year.
adventure sequences, such as flowers, root beer	
and a special bonus – a fire-grilled Burger King®	
ourger. During the movie, symbols on the screen	
relieated when to scratch and shift along with	
ne-action, allowing kids to actively take part in	
re-gavenure of the film.	



SCI and JGI complement our existing capabilities and should be accretive to earnings in 2004. We are attracted to businesses like these that can leverage our current infrastructure while contributing new clients, complementary service offerings, and a strong presence in new channels of distribution or geographies. We will continue to explore additional M&A candidates, and we believe we have a good pool of prospects that could contribute to our growth and diversification efforts.

#### **EMAK Worldwide**

The progress we have made has fundamentally changed Equity Marketing into a stronger company with a broad service portfolio and a wealth of value-creating vehicles. This transformation requires a more effective way of positioning the Equity Marketing franchise. As you will notice from the front and inside cover of this Annual Report, we have proposed changing the name of the Company to EMAK Worldwide to help customers and investors better understand our corporate structure and leverage the strength of the differentiated brands we possess within the Company.

Pending shareholder approval, the public corporation will be known as EMAK Worldwide, which will serve as the parent brand for our four pillars of strength: Branded Product, Integrated Marketing, Kids Marketing and Entertainment Marketing.

Collectively, we believe the future EMAK Worldwide represents a strong portfolio of assets that are not easily replicable, and our new organizational alignment will enhance our competitive positioning in each of our target markets.



The Rugrats Go Wild! promotion gave kids a totally new sensory experience by including a scratch-and-sniff card for use during the feature film, shown in "Odorama."

### **Consumer Products** Kim Possible<sup>™</sup>



#### **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 10-K

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Documents Incorporated by Reference: Certain portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement relating to registrant's annual

meeting of stockholders to be held on May 20, 2004 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

#### **EQUITY MARKETING, INC.**

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain expectations and projections regarding the future performance of Equity Marketing, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), discussed in this document are forward-looking and are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These expectations and projections are based on currently available competitive, financial and economic data along with the Company's operating plans and are subject to future events and uncertainties. Readers should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Actual results could vary materially from those anticipated for a variety of reasons. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Readers are advised to review "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation -- Cautionary Statements and Risk Factors."

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

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Except as expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, as used herein, "EMAK", the "Company", "we", "our", or "us", means Equity Marketing, Inc., a Delaware corporation and its subsidiaries. Unless otherwise specifically indicated, all dollar amounts herein are expressed in thousands.

#### Overview and Strategy

EMAK is a leading global integrated marketing services company. We focus on the design and execution of strategy-based marketing programs providing measurable results for our clients. We complement our core marketing services business by developing and marketing distinctive consumer products, based on emerging and evergreen licensed properties, which are sold through mass-market and specialty retailers. EMAK is headquartered in Los Angeles, with offices in Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, Ontario (California), London, Paris and Hong Kong.

EMAK has expertise in the areas of: strategic planning and research, entertainment marketing, design and manufacturing of custom promotional products, promotion, event marketing, collaborative marketing, retail design and environmental branding. Our clients include Burger King Corporation, Diageo, Kellogg's, Kohl's, Macy's, Nordstrom, Procter & Gamble, and Subway Restaurants, among others.

We believe our principal competitive advantages include:

- our ability, as a full-service agency, to both design and implement strategy-based marketing programs;
- extensive brand-building and sales-building experience developed over years of serving Burger King and other clients;
- extensive creative capabilities;
- our access to a broad range of intellectual properties from the worlds of entertainment, music and sports; and
- an infrastructure that can deliver unique, high-quality and cost-effective products and services in a very tight time frame, with stringent quality control.

Our principal strategy is to be a market-driven and customer-driven global organization that serves as a strategic marketing partner for its clients through recommending, executing and measuring a broad range of fully integrated brand-building and sales-building programs that may or may not be promotional product-based.

Our Consumer Products business supports and complements our Marketing Services business by leveraging our infrastructure, improving overall gross margins, strengthening our relationships with licensors and retailers who may also be promotions clients, and feeding our overall knowledge of trends in popular culture.

#### **Our Acquisition Strategy**

We focus on diversifying and growing our Marketing Services skills and client base with businesses that leverage our infrastructure, add new clients and complementary service offerings, and/or offer new channels of distribution or territories.

- In July 2001, EMAK acquired Logistix Kids, gaining a presence in Europe with broad-based strategic client relationships, including research, new concept development, licensing guidance and the development of premium-based promotions.
- In July 2002, EMAK acquired UPSHOT, gaining a marketing agency with expertise in promotion, event, collaborative
  marketing, retail design and environmental branding, thereby providing us with the ability to provide a broader range of
  services to existing clients and to develop a more diverse client base.
- In September 2003, EMAK acquired SCI Promotion Group, establishing us as a leading provider of gift-with-purchase and purchase-with-purchase promotional programs to the retail department store industry.
- In February 2004, EMAK acquired Johnson Grossfield, expanding our client base in the Quick Service Restaurant category with the addition of the kids marketing program of Subway Restaurants.

We continue to seek new acquisition candidates that fit our strategy.

#### **Business Segments**

Our business is classified into two reportable business segments, namely Marketing Services and Consumer Products. These business segments have been defined in a manner consistent with EMAK's organizational structure, internal reporting, allocation of resources and operating decision-making.

Our Marketing Services revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 were \$104,335, \$168,659 and \$183,687, or 72%, 82% and 84% of total revenues, respectively. Our Consumer Products revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 were \$39,981, \$38,173 and \$35,426, or 28%, 18% and 16% of total revenues, respectively.

A single client, Burger King, accounted for approximately 66%, 65% and 58% of our total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

The business segment revenues for 2001 and 2002 set forth above have been reclassified to conform to our management structure effective January 1, 2003; specifically, the results of the USI division, which had been previously reported as part of Marketing Services, are now being reported as part of Consumer Products.

#### **Marketing Services**

Our largest Marketing Services offering is the design and implementation of fully-integrated promotional marketing programs which incorporate products used as free premiums or sold in conjunction with the purchase of other products at retail. We also create non-premium based integrated marketing programs that build brands and influence consumers behavior through promotion, event, collaborative marketing and retail and environmental design.

Premium-based promotions are used by both the companies sponsoring the promotions, typically our clients, and the licensors of the entertainment, music or sports properties on which the promotional products are based. The use of promotional products based upon entertainment, music or sports properties allows promotion sponsors to draw upon the popular identity developed by the licensed characters through exposure in various media such as television programs, motion pictures and publishing. Promotions are designed to benefit sponsors by generating consumer loyalty, building market share and enhancing the sponsors' images as providers of value-added products and services. In addition, motion picture and television studio licensors often incorporate such promotions into their own marketing plans because of the substantial advertising expenditures made by sponsors of promotions and because the broad exposure of the licensed property to consumers in the sponsors' retail outlets supplements the marketing of motion pictures and television programs by the studios.

Licenses for characters upon which our programs are based are generally obtained directly by our clients (often with our assistance) from licensors, including Warner Bros. Consumer Products, Universal Studios, Nickelodeon, DreamWorks SKG, The Walt Disney Company, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Twentieth Century Fox. Such licenses are typically specific to the promotional campaign and generally do not extend beyond the end of the promotional campaign.

We perform a wide range of creative, design, development, production and fulfillment services for our clients, including:

- assisting clients in understanding the consumer through creative research and planning;
- assisting clients with promotional strategy, calendar planning, and concept development;
- evaluating intellectual properties for which licenses are available;
- advising clients as to which licenses are consistent with their marketing objectives;
- assisting clients in procuring licenses;
- proposing specific product and non-product based promotions utilizing the properties secured by our clients;
- developing promotional concepts and designs based on the property;
- providing the development and engineering necessary to translate the property, which often consists of two-dimensional artwork, into finished products;
- obtaining or coordinating licensor approval of product designs, prototypes and finished products;
- contracting for and supervising the manufacture of products;
- arranging for safety testing to customer and regulatory specifications by independent testing laboratories;
- arranging insurance, customs clearance and, in most instances, the shipping of finished products to the client;

- providing warehousing, fulfillment and billing services; and
- · providing creative services for packaging and point-of-sale advertising,
- developing collaborative marketing programs between retailers and manufacturers; and
- creating three dimensional environments to influence consumer's purchasing behavior including environmental planning, store design, space planning and visual merchandising.

In some instances, customers obtain license rights or develop promotions concepts independently and engage us only to design and produce specific products. More often, we provide the full range of our services.

EMAK pursues promotions opportunities worldwide. Our international promotions often include unique products and programs tailored to local markets as well as the use of products from promotions originally run in the United States. American entertainment properties are generally released in other countries subsequent to the date of their release in the United States. Because we have already made the investment in the creative development of concepts based upon such entertainment properties by the time of their domestic release, we often have completed both creative, and in some instances, production work, in advance of their foreign release.

#### **Consumer Products**

EMAK's Consumer Products division designs, manufactures and markets toys and other consumer products for sale to major mass market retailers (such as Toys 'R' Us, Wal-Mart and Target), specialty market retailers and various international distributors. Our products are primarily based upon trademarks, characters and other intellectual properties we license from major entertainment companies. In some cases, our products are based on the same licensed properties used by our Marketing Services division.

The principal strategy of our Consumer Products business is to focus on distinctive, niche products that complement our promotions business and use the same design, production and logistics infrastructure. These products are based on emerging and evergreen licensed properties that are likely to produce revenue for several years, thus increasing the predictability of our revenues. We currently intend to implement this strategy principally through internal growth.

The table below provides a summary of our current portfolio of emerging and evergreen licensed properties, including the names of the licensed property and the licensor, the dates on which the license was originally granted, when the first products were or will be marketed under the license, the expiration date of the current license term, the product categories covered by the license and the geographic territories in which the licensed product can be distributed.

Property	Licensor	Grant Date	Market Date	Exp. Date Categories		Territory
Scooby-Doo™	Warner Bros. Consumer Products	Jun 1998	Sep 1998	Dec 2007	Toys based upon television and feature film characters.	Worldwide (except Asia and Mexico)
Robot Wars®	BBC Worldwide	Jul 2000	Sep 2000	Dec 2006	Pullback, radio control and die cast toys and playsets.	United Kingdom and Ireland
Ace Lightning	BBC Worldwide	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Dec 2005	Plastic toys and playsets.	United Kingdom and Ireland
Ultimate Book of Spells	BKN Consumer Products	Jan 2002	Sep 2002	Dec 2006	Plastic figurines and playsets.	United Kingdom and Ireland
The Pink Panther <sup>TM</sup>	MGM	Jan 2002	Feb 2003	Dec 2004	Plush items.	United States and Canada
Crayola®	Binney & Smith	May 2002	Aug 2002	Dec 2005	Bath toys, activities and art sets.	North America and Europe
Kim Possible <sup>TM</sup>	Disney Consumer Products	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Dec 2005	Toys and novelty merchandise.	United States and Canada
Jim Henson's Bear in the Big Blue House™	Disney Enterprises, Inc. (formerly, The Jim Henson Company)	Nov 2002	Sep 2003	Dec 2005	Plush, figurines and toy novelties.	North America and Europe
The Powerpuff Girls™	Warner Bros. Consumer Products	Feb 2003	Aug 2003	Dec 2005	Figures, plush and playsets.	United States and Canada
Samurai Jack™	Warner Bros. Consumer Products	Feb 2003	Aug 2003	Dec 2005	Figures, plush and playsets.	United States and Canada
Baby Einstein™	The Baby Einstein Company, LLC (a Disney subsidiary)	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Dec 2005	Puppets, plush, activity and infant/pre-school toys.	United States and Canada
JoJo's Circus™	Disney Consumer Products	Dec 2003	Jan 2005 (Estimated)	Dec 2007	Pre-school toys, plush, playsets and musical toys.	United States

After we secure a new licensed property, we then develop, design and engineer a product line and packaging. Much of this work is performed by our internal staff of designers, artists, model makers and engineers. The initial development of a product line under a new license typically takes from four to 10 months. As a result, the addition of new licensed properties requires substantial investment in design and development well in advance of associated revenues. We expense such design and development costs as incurred. In addition, we regularly refresh, redesign and extend existing product lines.

We anticipate significant growth in our Consumer Products business in 2004, as several of our licensed properties reach their first full-year of distribution. In addition, the following factors are expected to favorably impact our Consumer Products business in 2004 and beyond:

- Our sales of Scooby-Doo<sup>™</sup> merchandise were bolstered in 2002 by the release of the Warner Bros. live-action feature film Scooby-Doo<sup>™</sup>. The sequel, Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed was released March 26, 2004.
- In 2003, we launched an expanded line of Crayola® brand bath toys, bath activities and playsets, coinciding with the centennial of the Crayola® crayon. Our 2004 plans for this line include the addition of new channels of distribution, including drug and grocery retailers.

- Our Kim Possible<sup>™</sup> line was launched in Summer 2003 as a Wal-Mart exclusive, with distribution expanded to other
  major retailers in January 2004. Kim Possible<sup>™</sup>, an original animated comedy-adventure series, debuted in June 2002 on
  the Disney Channel as the highest rated premiere ever for an original Disney Channel series and now also airs Saturday
  mornings on ABC Kids.
- In January 2004 we began distributing the first toy products based upon *Baby Einstein<sup>TM</sup>*, the best selling brand of videos specifically created for babies and toddlers. We have granted exclusive distribution to Target and Babies R Us for 2004.
- In February 2004, Disney Enterprises, Inc. acquired the rights to various properties owned by The Jim Henson Company, including *Jim Henson's Bear in the Big Blue House*<sup>TM</sup>. We currently anticipate that Disney will provide a higher level of entertainment and marketing support for this property in the future, expanding opportunities for distribution of our plush toy line.
- In February 2004, we added another Disney property to our portfolio, with a license to produce and market preschool toys, plush, playsets and musical toys based on *JoJo's Circus*<sup>TM</sup>, a cartoon series that airs daily on Playhouse Disney.

#### **Backlog**

Order backlog at March 19, 2003 and March 26, 2004 was approximately \$142,000 and \$156,000, respectively. The Company expects the 2004 order backlog to be filled by December 31, 2004.

#### Manufacturing

Our products are manufactured according to EMAK and customer specifications by unaffiliated contract manufacturers, primarily in China. Our Hong Kong staff manages the production of our products by our contract manufacturers and performs or procures product sourcing, product engineering, quality control inspections, independent safety testing and export/import documentation. We believe that the presence of a dedicated staff in Hong Kong results in lower net costs, increased ability to respond rapidly to customer orders and maintenance of more effective quality control standards. EMAK products are also manufactured by third parties in the United States and Europe.

We generally retain, either for our self or on behalf of our clients, ownership of the molds and tooling required for the manufacture of our products. We are not a party to any long-term contractual arrangements with any manufacturer.

During 2003, approximately 96% of our products were manufactured in China. China currently enjoys permanent "normal trade relations" ("NTR") status under US tariff laws, which provides a favorable category of US import duties. China's NTR status became permanent on January 1, 2002, following enactment of a bill authorizing such status upon China's accession to the World Trade Organization, which occurred in December 2001. This substantially reduces the possibility of China losing its NTR status, which would result in increased manufacturing costs for us and those of our competitors sourcing products in China.

Virtually all of the raw materials used in our products are available from numerous suppliers. Our contract manufacturers generally do not have long-term supply contracts in place with their raw materials suppliers. Accordingly, we are subject to variations in the prices we pay to manufacturers for products, depending on what they pay for their raw materials. An increase in the cost of raw materials, such as petroleum, could result in price increases which EMAK may not be able to fully pass on to customers. Any such increase could negatively impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### **Trademarks and Copyrights**

We do not typically own trademarks or copyrights on properties on which most of our products are based. These rights are owned or controlled by the creator of the property or by the entity which develops or promotes a property, such as a motion picture or television producer.

#### Competition

Both our Marketing Services and Consumer Products businesses operate in highly competitive domestic and international markets.

In our core domestic Marketing Services business, EMAK competes with subsidiaries of The Interpublic Group of Companies (including Draft Worldwide, The Zipatoni Company, Momentum and Marketing Drive Worldwide), Frankel (a subsidiary of Publicis), 141 Worldwide (a subsidiary WPP), Marketing Store Worldwide, Creata Promotion and Wunderman (a subsidiary of WPP). Competition in the international promotions industry includes local companies in each market and a small number of emerging international promotions companies.

We believe the principal competitive factors affecting our Marketing Services business are the development of client marketing and promotional strategies, unique consumer insights, creative execution, license selection, price, product and service quality and safety and speed of production.

Our Consumer Products competitors include companies which have far more extensive sales and development staffs and significantly greater financial resources than EMAK. Our principal competitors are mid-sized toy companies like Playmates Holdings Limited, Play Along, Inc. and JAKKS Pacific, Inc. However, the toy industry includes major toy and game manufacturers such as Hasbro, Inc. and Mattel, Inc. that compete in some of the same product categories as EMAK.

We believe the principal competitive factors affecting our Consumer Products business are license selection, price, product quality and play value.

#### **Government Regulation**

In the United States, our business is subject to the provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. These acts empower the Consumer Product Safety Commission to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury associated with promotional and consumer products, including toys and other articles. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has the authority to exclude from the market articles which are found to be hazardous and can require a manufacturer to repair or repurchase such toys under certain circumstances. Any such determination by the Consumer Product Safety Commission is subject to court review. Violations of the Acts may also result in civil and criminal penalties. Similar laws exist in some states and cities in the United States and in many jurisdictions throughout the world.

We perform quality control procedures (including the inspection of goods at factories and the retention of independent testing laboratories) to ensure compliance with applicable product safety requirements, both domestically and internationally. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there can be no assurance that all of our products are or will be hazard-free. A product recall could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and could also negatively affect EMAK's reputation and the sales of our other products.

#### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2003, EMAK employed a total of 356 individuals, including 246 individuals located in the United States, 59 individuals located in Europe and 51 individuals in Hong Kong. In addition, we utilize freelance artists and other temporary staff on an ongoing basis in order to serve our clients needs. We believe that our relations with our employees are very good.

#### **Executive Officers of the Registrant**

The following persons are the executive officers of EMAK. Such executive officers are appointed annually by our board of directors and serve at the pleasure of the board. The table below provides information with respect to our Executive Officers:

Name	Age	Position
Donald A. Kurz	48	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Kim H. Thomsen	51	President and Chief Creative Officer
Bret R. Hadley	44	President, Client Operations and Services
Gaetano A. Mastropasqua	40	President, Client Services
Ian P. Madeley	48	President, International
Teresa L. Tormey	39	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Zohar Ziv	51	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Donald A. Kurz** became our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in January 1999, after serving as President and Co-CEO from 1991 through 1998. He has also served as a director since 1990, when he joined EMAK as Executive Vice President. Mr. Kurz was previously a management consultant with the general management consulting division of Towers Perrin, where he was a vice president and senior partner and eventually headed the firm's New York office. Mr. Kurz earned a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University and a master's in business administration from Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

**Kim H. Thomsen** joined EMAK in 1991 and is currently responsible for the creative direction for all of our marketing services and consumer products. She was promoted to her current post in early 2000. Prior to joining EMAK, she operated her own business as a creative consultant. Ms. Thomsen earned her bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

Bret R. Hadley joined EMAK in July 2001 and is responsible for our consumer products division as well as all product realization, including manufacturing, quality control and distribution, as well as management information systems. From November 1999 to May 2001, he was President and CEO of Frank Schaeffer Publications, Inc., an educational products firm. From November 1997 to November 1999, he was President of Wham-O, Inc., a toy and sporting goods manufacturer. From December 1985 to November 1997, he served in various senior leadership positions for Mattel, Inc., including most recently Senior Vice President–International Marketing. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's in business administration from UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Gaetano A. Mastropasqua joined EMAK in 1997 as a Senior Director responsible for our Burger King account. Mr. Mastropasqua currently oversees our Burger King business. He was promoted to his current post in July 2000, and has added oversight of our new business function to his responsibilities. His prior experience includes approximately seven years with American Express, where he ultimately became a vice president of business development, and more than three years with Andersen Consulting in Europe. He holds a bachelor's degree from McGill University and a master's in business administration from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University.

Ian P. Madeley joined EMAK in July 2001and is responsible for the operations of our Logistix Kids subsidiary, which the Company acquired on July 31, 2001. Mr. Madeley had been the Managing Director of Logistix since 1989. In February 2003 he was named President, International with responsibility for implementing EMAK's business strategies in Europe and other international markets. Mr. Madeley is also responsible for expanding our Logistix Kids brand to the U.S. and oversees our newest acquisition, Johnson Grossfeild. Prior to joining Logistix, he was the Marketing Manager of SP Agency Stansfield Lake, and prior thereto was a Marketing Manager of New Product Development for Express Foods Group, a leading dairy product supplier. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Hull University.

Teresa L. Tormey joined EMAK in November 2002 as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. She is responsible for our legal and business affairs, compliance and board administration functions. Ms. Tormey was previously a partner in the corporate finance and transactions practice group of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from UC Davis and a juris doctor from Pepperdine University School of Law.

Zohar Ziv joined EMAK in February 2004 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He is currently responsible for the Company's finance, treasury, accounting and corporate development functions. Prior to joining EMAK, Mr. Ziv was the CFO of Stravina Operating Company, LLC, a supplier of personalized novelty items, from June 2002 to February 2004; the CFO of Joico Laboratories, Inc., a hair product supplier, from July 2001 to June 2002; the CFO of Intellisys Group, Inc., a multimedia system designer and integrator, from June 1999 to February 2001; and the CFO of Inovision Holdings, L.P., a medical supply manufacturer, from January 1988 to June 1999. His prior experience includes approximately twelve years with Flowserve Corp., formerly BW/IP International, where he ultimately became a treasurer and division controller, and more than four years with Getty Oil Company. Mr. Ziv has a master of business administration in international management from Thunderbird, The American Graduate School of International Management, and a bachelor of science in accounting from California State University, Northridge. He is a certified public accountant.

#### **Available Information**

Our website address is <a href="www.equity-marketing.com">www.equity-marketing.com</a>. EMAK makes available, free of charge, on or through this website our periodic and current reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934 as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is filed with or furnished to the SEC. Information contained on our website is not part of this report.

#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Our corporate headquarters consist of approximately 57,000 square feet of leased space in Los Angeles, California under a lease which expires December 31, 2009. SCI occupies approximately 41,000 square feet of office and warehouse space in Ontario, California under a lease which expires October 31, 2007. We also lease an approximately 40,000 square foot warehouse in Indianapolis, Indiana under a lease which expires May 31, 2005. In Hong Kong, we occupy approximately 6,000 square feet of leased space in Kowloon, under a lease which expires August 31, 2004. Logistix occupies approximately 7,400 square feet and 1,900 square feet of leased space in Gerrards Cross outside of London under leases that expire September 20, 2014 and September 19, 2011, respectively, and approximately 2,200 square feet of leased space in Paris under a lease that expires January 31, 2013. UPSHOT occupies approximately 30,000 square feet of leased space in Chicago, Illinois under a lease that expires March 31, 2009. In connection with a restructuring plan implemented in 2002, UPSHOT vacated approximately 30,000 square feet of leased space in Richmond, Virginia. The Richmond, Virginia facility is currently occupied by a subtenant and we are currently seeking a subtenant for the Chicago facility.

#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

EMAK is involved in various legal proceedings generally incidental to our business. While the result of any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, management presently believes that the outcome of any known, pending or threatened legal proceeding or claim, individually or combined, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

#### **PART II**

#### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Our Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq National Stock Market under the symbol EMAK. On March 26, 2004 there were approximately 1,150 beneficial holders of our Common Stock.

We currently have no plans to pay dividends on our Common Stock. We intend to retain all earnings for use in our business. Under EMAK's current credit facility, we cannot pay dividends on our Common Stock without the prior consent of the lender. (See Note 6 of the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.)

The high and low Common Stock prices per share were as follows:

	Price Range of Common Stock						
	200	2	20	003			
	High	Low	High	Low			
First Quarter	15.00	11.50	15.09	11.90			
Second Quarter	14.55	11.69	15.50	13.01			
Third Quarter	13.99	10.70	16.29	14.00			
Fourth Quarter	13.49	10.16	15.29	12.88			

#### ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected consolidated financial data presented below have been derived from EMAK's audited consolidated financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the related notes thereto and "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Years Ended December 31,	1999		2000		2001		2002_		2003
Consolidated Statements of Operations a	nd Per Sha	re D	ata: (in tho	usan	ds, except	share	and per sha	are da	ıta)
Revenues \$	227,063	\$	232,287	\$	144,316	\$	206,832	\$	210 112
Cost of sales	170,416	Φ	172,270	Φ	104,129	Ф	151,307	Ф	219,113 158,117
Forgiveness of note receivable	170,410				104,127		1,685		150,117
Gross profit	56,647		60,017		40,187		53,840		60,996
Gross prone	30,017		00,017		10,107		2,010		_00,720
Operating expenses:									
Salaries, wages and benefits	17,350		17,610		15,924		20,662		24,523
Selling, general and administrative	22,829		23,075		18,323		22,423		24,576
AmeriServe bankruptcy bad debt expense	1,014		482						
Impairment of assets	~-		8,504						
Integration costs					192		453		
Restructuring loss (gain)	(604)		(418)				178		234
Total operating expenses	40,589		49,253		<u>34,439</u>		43,716		49,333
Income from operations	16,058		10,764		5,748		10,124		11,663
Other income (expense), net	(510)		1,375		1,370		383		389
Income before provision for									
income taxes and cumulative effect									
of change in accounting principles	15,548		12,139		7,118		10,507		12,052
Provision for income taxes	6,134		6,797		2,517		3,786		4,103
Income before cumulative effect	0.11.1		<b>7</b> 2 4 2		4.601				<b>=</b> 0.10
of change in accounting principles	9,414		5,342		4,601		6,721		7,949
Cumulative effect of change in accounting									
principles, net of tax					<del></del>		(2,496)		
Nat income	9,414		5 242		4,601		1 225		7.040
Net income	9,414		5,342		4,601		4,225		7,949
Preferred stock dividends			956		1,500		1,500		1,500
Net income available to common									
stockholders \$	9,414		4,386	\$	_3,101	\$	2,725	\$	6,449
Basic income per share:									
Income per share									
before cumulative effect of									
change in accounting principles \$	1.51	\$	0.70	\$	0.52	\$	0.91	\$	1.13
Cumulative effect of change in accounting									
principles, net of tax							(0.44)		
Income per share \$	1.51	S	0.70	\$	0.52	\$	0.48	\$_	1.13
Basic weighted average shares									
outstanding	6,227,842		6,275,590		5,996,662		5,721,790		5,718,548
Diluted income per share:									
Income per share									
before cumulative effect of									
change in accounting principles \$	1.46	\$	0.68	\$	0.50	\$	0.89	\$	1.03
Cumulative effect of change in accounting									
principles, net of tax							(0.33)		
Income per share \$	1.46	\$_	0.68	S	0.50	\$	0.56	\$	1.03
Diluted weighted average shares									
outstanding	6,440,738		6,460,557	6.	164,154		7,590,018		7,712,633
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As of December 31,	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data: (in the	ousands)								
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Working capital \$	11,045	\$	52,140	\$	36,620	\$	29,157	\$	29,447
Total assets \$	97,244	\$	110,542	\$	99,487	\$	133,254	\$	128,330
Long-term debt \$		\$		\$	40.450	\$		\$	
Stockholders' equity \$	42,025	\$	45,241	\$	42,473	\$	45,946	\$	53,666

### ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

#### Overview

2003 was a year of important achievement for EMAK:

- In 2003 we entered into long-term agreements which provide that we will retain our role as the primary creative and manufacturing agency of record for Burger King's worldwide premium programs. For the first time in our 17 year relationship we have a significant level of guaranteed premium manufacturing business under our agreements with Burger King and Restaurant Services, Inc. ("RSI"). RSI is a not-for-profit purchasing cooperative that has as its members Burger King franchisees and Burger King and is the exclusive purchasing agent for the Burger King system of franchisee-owned and company-owned restaurants in the United States. Our agreements with Burger King and RSI guarantee that we will retain our role as the primary creative and manufacturing agency of record for both domestic and international Burger King premiums programs awarded through September 2004 (shipping through approximately September 2005). These evergreen agreements also provide for bi-annual determinations of our guaranteed level of Burger King premiums business.
- Our Logistix Kids subsidiary, which is based in the United Kingdom, had another good year, growing its marketing
  services business substantially over 2002. Since we acquired Logistix in mid-2001, they have delivered annual growth in
  revenues beyond our expectations. We're continuing to expand the presence of Logistix Kids in both Europe and the
  United States.
- Our Consumer Products business had a good year, with the introduction of Disney's Kim Possible™ and an expanded line of Crayola® retail bath products. 2003 was this division's most profitable year ever as gross margins improved from 30.3% in 2002 to 39.3% in 2003.
- Our Consumer Products business is also poised for growth in 2004 as several of the licensed properties we acquired in 2003 reach their first full year of distribution. These properties include *Disney's Kim Possible™* which enters wider channels of distribution in 2004, *Disney's Baby Einstein™* and *Warner Bros.'s Samurai Jack™*, among others.
- We broadened our client base to a new channel of distribution with the acquisition of the business SCI Promotion Group ("SCI") in September 2003. SCI has established itself as a premier marketing services company to the retail department store industry, and counts nine of the top ten department stores in the country as its customers, including Kohl's, Macy's May Department Stores, Nordstrom and Sears. SCI complements our existing capabilities.
- We have the most diversified revenue mix since EMAK's initial public offering in 1994. The contributions from our non-Burger King-business increased from approximately \$46,000 or 20% of revenues in 2000 to approximately \$94,000 or 43% of revenues in 2003. We expect to make further progress on our diversification in 2004.

We also faced challenges in 2003 that have negatively impacted our results:

- We experienced lower unit volumes in our promotional programs for Burger King. This negatively impacted our
  Marketing Services revenues for the year. We expect this trend to continue in 2004 before reversing in 2005 as this well
  regarded brand begins its next era of growth.
- We also experienced a significant decline in our *Scooby-Doo*<sup>™</sup> consumer products. In 2002, the successful feature film drove higher levels of sales. We expect *Scooby-Doo*<sup>™</sup> sales to recover in 2004 as the feature film sequel was released on March 26 and the video is expected to be released later in the year.
- Our UPSHOT integrated marketing business, while profitable, did not contribute the level of growth we expected. In 2003, we incurred a restructuring charge in order to bring UPSHOT's cost structure in-line with the current volume of business. We have put in place plans to improve this business in 2004. We expect improved contribution from UPSHOT based on a lower cost structure as well as future growth in revenues.

At the end of 2003 our financial position remained strong with \$19,291 in cash and cash equivalents and no debt. We plan to continue to explore additional acquisition candidates that fit our acquisition strategy. In February 2004, we acquired the premiums business of Johnson Grossfield, Inc. ("JGI"), thereby expanding our client base in the Quick Service Restaurant category with the addition of the kids marketing programs of Subway Restaurants. JGI has a twelve year relationship with Subway Restaurants providing custom licensed premiums for its kids marketing program. We are attracted to businesses like SCI and JGI that can leverage our current infrastructure while contributing new clients, complementary service offerings, and a strong presence in new channels of distribution or geographies.

#### **Results of Operation**

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the Company's operating expenses as a percentage of its total revenues:

Years Ended December 31,	2001	2002	2003
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	72.2%	73.2%	72.2%
Forgiveness of note receivable	%	0.8 %	%
Gross profit	27.8%	26.0%	27.8%
Operating expenses:			
Salaries, wages and benefits	11.0%	10.0%	11.2%
Selling, general and administrative	12.7%	10.8%	11.2%
Integration costs	0.1 %	0.2%	%
Restructuring loss	%	0.1%	0.1%
Total operating expenses	23.8%	21.1%	22.5%
Income from operations	4.0%	4.9%	5.3%
Other income, net	0.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Income before provision for			
income taxes and cumulative effect			
of change in accounting principles	4.9%	5.1%	5.5%
Provision for income taxes	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%
Income before cumulative effect of			
change in accounting principles	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%
Cumulative effect of change in			
accounting principles, net of tax	%_	(1.2)%	%
Net income	3.2%	2.0%	3.6%

Year ended December 31, 2003 compared to year ended December 31, 2002

#### Revenues

Our consolidated revenues in 2003 increased \$12,281, or 5.9%, to \$219,113 from \$206,832 in 2002. Our Marketing Services revenues increased \$15,028, or 8.9%, to \$183,687 from \$168,659 primarily as a result of the inclusion of revenues generated by UPSHOT and SCI as well as continued growth in our non-Burger King marketing services business. The results for 2002 include UPSHOT from July 18, 2002 (acquired July 17, 2002) and exclude SCI (acquired September 3, 2003). Excluding the impact of the UPSHOT and SCI acquisitions, Marketing Services revenues decreased \$4,932 or 2.9% for 2003 compared to 2002. This decrease was due to challenges in our Burger King business. Although we are still implementing a significant majority of the worldwide programs for Burger King as we have previously, unit volumes in those programs are lower than in previous years. These decreased unit volumes are primarily related to overall business issues at Burger King which is in a restructuring phase following its acquisition by Texas Pacific Group in 2002.

The decreased volume levels in the Burger King business were partially offset by continued growth at our Logistix Kids subsidiary. Our Logistix Kids business based in the United Kingdom executed several successful promotional programs for Kellogg's both domestically and internationally. Logistix Kids also had another good year attracting new clients and has branched out from their base in London into new markets in Western Europe.

Our Consumer Products revenues decreased \$2,747, or 7.2%, to \$35,426 from \$38,173 in 2002. This decrease is primarily as a result of decreased sales of  $Scooby\text{-}Doo^{\text{TM}}$ , Robot Wars® and Tub Tints® product partially offset by sales from the launch of a product line based on Disney's  $Kim\ Possible^{\text{TM}}$  and increased sales of Crayola® product. Revenues for  $Scooby\text{-}Doo^{\text{TM}}$  product in 2002 were higher primarily due to increased shipments attributable to the  $Scooby\text{-}Doo^{\text{TM}}$  feature film, which was released in the summer of 2002. Our Robot Wars® product line in the United Kingdom experienced disappointing sales in 2003 as a result of reduced consumer interest in the brand. In 2003, we successfully launched our new  $Kim\ Possible^{\text{TM}}$  product line with an exclusive at Wal-Mart. Both Wal-Mart and Disney provided significant marketing and advertising support to the launch of the product line and we were pleased with the results. In 2003, we expanded our line of Crayola® bath products which already incorporated the effervescent water coloring tablets previously marketed under the Tub Tints® brand to include a full line of bath activities and bath art sets. As a result, sales of our retail bath products increased significantly in 2003.

#### Cost of sales and gross profit

Cost of sales increased \$6,810 to \$158,117 (72.2% of revenues) from \$152,992 (74.0% of revenues) in 2002 due to the higher sales volume in 2003. The gross profit percentage increased to 27.8% from 26.0% in 2002. This increase is primarily the result of a charge for the forgiveness of a note receivable of \$1,685 (0.8% of revenues) in our Marketing Services business in 2002.

Excluding the impact for the forgiveness of the note receivable, the gross profit in our Marketing Services business decreased from 26.1% in 2002 to 25.6% in 2003 due to a decline in our Burger King margins as compared to prior years. This decline is attributable to the provision of lower margin logistical services, increased vendor costs and general pricing pressures.

The gross profit percentage in Consumer Products increased to 39.3% from 30.3% in 2002. This improvement is attributable to higher margin new product introductions and to effective inventory management both internally and in our distribution channels.

Our overall gross profit percentage, excluding the impact of the charge for forgiveness of a note receivable in 2002, improved slightly as a result of the improvement in Consumer Products.

Salaries, wages and benefits

Salaries, wages and benefits increased \$3,861 in 2003, or 18.7%, to \$24,523 (11.2% of revenues) from \$20,662 in 2002 (10.0% of revenues). This increase was primarily attributable to the addition of employees from the acquisitions of UPSHOT and SCI, partially offset by a reduction in performance bonuses for employees in 2003 (a decrease of approximately \$700).

Salaries, wages and benefits increased as a percentage of revenues from 10.0% to 11.2% as a result of revenues increasing at a lesser rate. The reduction in Burger King unit volumes has a significant impact on this metric, as our staffing levels required to service this account are largely fixed.

Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$2,153 in 2003, or 9.6%, to \$24,576 (11.2% of revenues) from 22,423 (10.8% of revenues) in 2002. The increase is primarily the result of additional operating expenses resulting from the acquisitions of UPSHOT and SCI.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased as a percentage of revenues from 10.8% to 11.2% as a result of revenues increasing at a lesser rate. The reduction in Burger King unit volumes has a significant impact on this metric, as our cost structure required to service this account is largely fixed.

#### Integration costs

We recorded integration costs of \$453 (0.2% of revenues) in 2002. These costs represent expenses directly related to the integration of UPSHOT such as travel, training and consulting.

#### Restructuring

In 2003, we recorded a net restructuring charge of \$234 (0.1% of revenues) compared to \$178 (0.1% of revenues) in 2002. In 2003, we recorded restructuring charge of \$424 which represents severance for workforce reductions at our UPSHOT division. Our UPSHOT business did not achieve the level of contribution we were expecting this year which is primarily attributable to reduced marketing expenditures by a couple of its larger clients. In order to bring our cost structure in line with the current business volume, we eliminated 8 positions at UPSHOT. This charge was partially offset by a \$190 reversal of a restructuring reserve that we established in 1998 relating to former consumer products licenses. This reversal is attributable to the expiration of certain contractual rights. The 2002 restructuring charge represents severance for workforce reductions made to combine and streamline the operations of the Company subsequent to the acquisition of UPSHOT.

#### Other income

Other income increased \$6 in 2003, or 1.6%, to \$389 (0.2% of revenues) from \$383 (0.2% of revenues) in 2002. Other income is composed of a gain on foreign exchange of \$439, a gain on asset disposal of \$19 and net interest expense of \$69. Net interest income decreased \$132 in 2003 from \$63 in 2002. This decrease was attributable to a decline in interest rates as well as to the reduced level of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as a result of cash utilized for the acquisitions of UPSHOT and SCI and the stock buyback program. The gain on foreign exchange is the result of the strengthening British Pound and Euro relative to the United States Dollar.

#### Provision for Income Taxes

The effective tax rate changed in 2003 to 34.0% from 36.0% in 2002. The decrease in the effective tax rate is primarily the result of revised estimates of state income tax apportionment factors and an increase in the relative mix of earnings being generated internationally in countries which have more favorable tax rates.

#### Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles

The cumulative effect of change in accounting principles in 2002 is due to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142 which requires that companies no longer amortize goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets, such as trademarks. SFAS No. 142 also requires that companies evaluate goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets for impairment. As a result of this evaluation, we recorded a charge of \$2,496, net of tax, in connection with the goodwill resulting from the 1998 acquisition of Contract Marketing, Inc. and U.S. Import and Promotions Co., collectively referred to as "USI." The transition charge is reflected as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principles effective January 1, 2002, and therefore results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 have been adjusted retroactively. See "Critical Accounting Policies-Goodwill and Other Intangibles" below.

#### Net income

Net income increased \$3,724, or 88.1%, to \$7,949 in 2003 (3.6% of revenues) from \$4,225 in 2002 (2.0% of revenues). The increase was primarily due to the cumulative effect of change in accounting principles in 2002 of \$2,496, net of tax, a charge for the forgiveness of a note receivable in 2002 of \$1,045, net of tax, and the increase in gross profit earned on higher revenues in 2003. The increase was partially offset by the increased salaries, wages and benefits and selling, general and administrative expenses in 2003.

#### Year ended December 31, 2002 compared to year ended December 31, 2001

#### Revenues

Our revenues in 2002 increased \$62,516, or 43.3%, to \$206,832 from \$144,316 in 2001. Marketing Services revenues increased \$64,324, or 61.7%, to \$168,659 from \$104,335 primarily as a result of increased revenues associated with Burger King programs in 2002 as compared to 2001. This increase was also partially due to Marketing Services revenues generated by Logistix following its acquisition by the Company in July 2001 and Marketing Services revenues generated by UPSHOT following its acquisition by the Company in July 2002. Excluding the impact of the UPSHOT and Logistix acquisitions, Marketing Services revenues increased \$38,143 or 36.6% for 2002 compared to 2001. Revenues in the Burger King business were depressed in 2001 relative to previous years. Although our share of Burger King's custom promotional product business in 2001 was consistent with previous levels, the dollar volume of Burger King's purchases declined by 49% that year due to the Burger King system's working through of older inventory and distribution issues related to the 2000 bankruptcy of its largest distributor, AmeriServe. In 2002, Burger King's purchases returned to more normalized levels.

Our Consumer products revenues decreased \$1,808, or 4.5%, to \$38,173 from \$39,981 in 2001. This decrease is primarily due to decreased revenues for made-to-order custom product sold to Oil and Gas customers and decreased sales of Tub Tints® product. This was partially offset by increased sales of Robot Wars® product generated by Logistix as well as to increased revenues from  $Scooby-Doo^{TM}$  product following the release of the  $Scooby-Doo^{TM}$  feature film in the summer of 2002. Excluding the impact of the Logistix acquisition, Consumer Products revenues decreased \$4,763, or 11.9% primarily as a result of the decreased revenues for made-to-order custom product sold to Oil and Gas customers and decreased sales of Tub Tints® product, partially offse by the increase in  $Scooby-Doo^{TM}$  revenues.

The results for 2001 include Logistix from August 1, 2001 (acquired July 31, 2001) and exclude UPSHOT (acquired July 17, 2002). Excluding the impact of acquisitions, consolidated revenues increased \$33,005, or 24.7%, compared to 2001.

In September 2002, the Pacific Maritime Association locked out the Longshore and Warehouse Union workers from the West Coast ports causing a cargo backlog. The impact of this West Coast port dispute caused a reduction of our full year 2002 revenue expectations, due to delayed shipments of both custom promotional products and consumer products, and altered production schedules in our overseas facilities. Our estimate of this impact is approximately \$8.0 million of revenues. A portion of the revenue impacted by the port dispute that we previously expected to recognize in the fourth quarter of 2002 was deferred into 2003. The remainder was cancelled.

#### Cost of sales and gross profit

Cost of sales, including forgiveness of a note receivable, increased \$48,863 to \$152,992 (74.0% of revenues) from \$104,129 (72.2% of revenues) in 2001 due primarily to higher revenues in 2002. The gross profit percentage for the year decreased to 26.0% from 27.8% in 2001. Excluding the charge for forgiveness of a note receivable the gross profit percentage for 2002 was 26.8%.

Marketing Services gross profit decreased from 25.7% in 2001 to 25.1% in 2002. This decrease is primarily the result of the charge for the forgiveness of a note receivable of \$1,685 (0.8% of revenues) and margin pressure as a result of shorter program lead times in the first half of 2002 which resulted in increased tooling and freight costs. This decrease was partially offset by higher margin revenues from Logistix. On May 15, 2002, we agreed to forgive the remaining balance of \$1,685 of a note receivable from RSI as consideration for a new interim Master Supply Agreement with RSI. Excluding the charge for forgiveness of a note receivable the Marketing Services gross profit percentage for 2002 was 26.1%.

Consumer Products gross profit decreased from 33.3% in 2001 to 30.3% in 2002. This decrease was the result of an increased mix of lower margin product.

#### Salaries, wages and benefits

Salaries, wages and benefits increased \$4,738 in 2002, or 29.8%, to \$20,662 (10.0% of revenues) from \$15,924 in 2001 (11.0% of revenues). This increase was primarily attributable to the addition of employees from the acquisitions of Logistix and UPSHOT, as well as an accrual for employee performance bonuses. Salaries, wages and benefits decreased as a percentage of revenues from 11.0% to 10.0% as a result of revenues increasing at a greater rate. The increase in Burger King revenues has a significant impact on this metric, as our staffing levels required to service this account are largely fixed.

#### Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$4,100 in 2002, or 22.4%, to \$22,423 (10.8% of revenues) from \$18,323 (12.7% of revenues) in 2001. The increase is primarily the result of higher selling expenses associated with increased sales in 2002. This increase was also attributable to additional operating expenses resulting from the acquisitions of Logistix and UPSHOT, partially offset by the elimination of goodwill amortization as a result of our adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" (see the discussion of cumulative effect of change in accounting principles below). Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage of revenues from 12.7% to 10.8% as a result of revenues increasing at a greater rate. The increase in Burger King revenues has a significant impact on this metric, as our cost structure required to service this account is largely fixed.

#### Integration costs

Integration costs increased \$261, or 135.9%, to \$453 (0.2% of revenues) from \$192 (0.1% of revenues) in 2001. These costs represent expenses directly related to the integration of acquisitions such as travel, training and consulting. The costs for 2002 are primarily associated with the acquisition of UPSHOT, while the costs for 2001 are associated with the acquisition of Logistix.

#### Restructuring

The Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$178 (0.1% of revenues) in 2002. This restructuring charge represents severance for workforce reductions made to combine and streamline the operations of the Company subsequent to the acquisition of UPSHOT. As of December 31, 2002, \$139 of the restructuring costs has been paid.

#### Other income

Other income is composed of a gain on foreign exchange of \$305, a gain on asset disposal of \$15 and net interest income of \$63. Net interest income decreased \$1,383 in 2002 from \$1,446 in 2001. This decrease was attributable to a decline in interest rates as well as to the reduced level of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as a result of cash utilized for the acquisitions of Logistix and UPSHOT and the stock buyback program. The gain on foreign exchange is the result of the strengthening British Pound relative to the United States Dollar.

#### Provision for Income Taxes

The effective tax rate changed in 2002 to 36.0% from 35.4% in 2001. The increase was primarily due to lower tax free municipal interest income in 2002, partially offset by an increased percentage of the Company's earnings being generated internationally, in territories which have more favorable tax rates.

Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles

The cumulative effect of change in accounting principles is due to the adoption of SFAS No. 142 which requires that companies no longer amortize goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets, such as trademarks. SFAS No. 142 also requires that companies evaluate goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets for impairment. As a result of this evaluation, we recorded a charge of \$2,496, net of tax, in connection with the goodwill resulting from the 1998 acquisition of Contract Marketing, Inc. and U.S. Import and Promotions Co., collectively referred to as "USI." The transition charge is reflected as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principles effective January 1, 2002. See "Critical Accounting Policies-Goodwill and Other Intangibles" below.

#### Net income

Net income decreased \$376, or 8.2%, to \$4,225 in 2002 (2.0% of revenues) from \$4,601 in 2001 (3.2% of revenues). The decrease was primarily due to the cumulative effect of change in accounting principles of \$2,496, net of tax, a charge for forgiveness of note receivable of \$1,045, net of tax, increased salaries, wages and benefits and selling, general and administrative expenses and decreased net other income, partially offset by the increased gross profit earned on higher revenues in 2002.

#### Financial Condition and Liquidity

At December 31, 2003, cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities decreased by \$7,542 million to \$19,291 at year end 2003 compared to \$26,833 at year end 2002, primarily due to the acquisition of SCI and the repurchase of common stock, partially offset by cash flows generated from operating activities. Our financial position remained strong with no debt and profitable operating results.

As of December 31, 2003, net accounts receivable decreased \$7,052 to \$36,765 from \$43,817 in 2002. Accounts receivable as of December 31, 2002 were at higher than normal levels as a result of shipment delays attributable to the West Coast port dispute. This decrease was partially offset by additional receivables acquired as a result of the SCI acquisition.

At December 31, 2003, inventories decreased \$1,264 to \$15,099 from \$16,363 in 2002. This was primarily due to shipment delays at the end of 2002 attributable to the West Coast port dispute which resulted in the timing of shipments being shifted into the first quarter of 2003, thus resulting in higher than normal inventory levels at the end of 2002. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in Consumer Products inventories as a result of the addition of new product lines which were introduced in 2003. Marketing Services inventories represent 70% and 87% of total inventories as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Marketing Services inventories generally have lower risk than Consumer Products inventories, as they usually represent product made to order.

At December 31, 2003, accounts payable decreased \$9,469 to \$28,865 from \$38,334 in 2002. This decrease is primarily attributable to decreased shipments of product occurring later in the fourth quarter of 2002 as a result of the West Coast port strike. This decrease was partially offset by additional payables as a result of the SCI acquisition.

Due to customer decreased \$5,811 to \$5,276 from \$11,087 in 2002. The decrease in due to customer was primarily due to the timing of the payment of royalty and administrative fees collected from distribution companies on behalf of Burger King and RSI.

At December 31, 2003, accrued liabilities, including accrued payroll and payroll related costs, decreased \$1,323 to \$11,919 from \$13,242 in 2002. The decrease in accrued liabilities was primarily attributable to a decrease in the accrual for employee performance bonuses and accrued freight costs. This was partially offset by additional accrued liabilities as a result of the SCI acquisition and restructuring costs associated with UPSHOT.

At December 31, 2003, working capital was \$29,447 compared to \$29,157 at December 31, 2002. Cash flows provided by operations for 2003 were \$1,961 compared to cash flows provided by operations of \$10,581 in the prior year. This change is largely the result of the reduction of current assets and liabilities to more normalized levels due to the impact of the West Coast port dispute on our receivables, payables and inventories. Cash flows used in investing activities for 2003 increased \$1,597 to \$6,135 from \$4,538 in the prior year. This increase is primarily the result of proceeds received in 2002 from sales of marketable securities which partially offset the payment for the purchase of UPSHOT, compared to the use of cash in 2003 to purchase SCI. Cash flows used in financing activities for 2003 were \$2,517 compared to \$2,393 in the prior year. This increase is the result of an increase in the repurchase of our stock, partially offset by an increase in the proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Our current strategy and business plan calls for the consummation of additional mergers and acquisitions as well as the continued repurchase of our common stock. We plan to continue to evaluate the level of such expenditures in the context of the capital available to us and to changing market conditions.

We believe that cash from operations, cash on hand at December 31, 2003 and our credit facility will be sufficient to fund working capital needs for at least the next twelve months. The statements set forth herein are forward-looking and actual results may differ materially. See "Credit Facilities" below and Note 6 of the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Future minimum annual commitments for guaranteed minimum royalty payments under license agreements, non-cancelable operating leases and employment agreements as of December 31, 2003 are as follows:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Thereafter	Total
Operating Leases	\$ 3,954	\$ 3,942	\$ 3,913	\$ 3,882	\$ 3,518	.\$ .5,791	\$ 25,000
Guaranteed Royalties	1,070	2,020	220	330			3,640
Employment Agreements	1 <u>,4</u> 92	265					1,757
<u>Total</u>	\$ 6,516	\$ 6,227	\$ 4,133	\$ 4,212	\$ 3,518	\$ 5,791	\$ 30,397

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, we signed a new lease agreement for the Paris office. The new lease agreement expires December 31, 2013 and provides for minimum annual payment of \$96.

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, we renewed our license agreement for Scooby-Doo™ with Warner Bros. The new license agreement expires December 31, 2007 and provides for guaranteed royalties in excess of \$8,000 over the term.

We had no material commitments for capital expenditures at December 31, 2003. Letters of credit outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 totaled \$823 and \$1,829, respectively.

#### **Credit Facilities**

On April 24, 2001, we signed a credit facility (the "Facility") with Bank of America. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of our assets and provides for a line of credit of up to \$35,000 for three years from the date of closing with borrowing availability determined by a formula based on qualified assets. Interest on outstanding borrowings will be based on either a fixed rate equivalent to LIBOR plus an applicable spread of between 1.50 and 2.25 percent or a variable rate equivalent to the bank's reference rate plus an applicable spread of between zero and 0.50 percent. We are also required to pay an unused line fee of between zero and 0.60 percent per annum and certain letter of credit fees. The applicable spread is based on the achievement of certain financial ratios. The Facility also requires us to comply with certain restrictions and covenants as amended from time to time. On November 14, 2001, February 8, 2002, September 30, 2002 and November 14, 2003 certain covenants under the facility were amended. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with the amended restrictions and covenants. The Facility may be used for working capital and acquisition financing purposes. As of December 31, 2003, there were no amounts outstanding under the Facility.

We are currently negotiating with Bank of America to extend the term of the Facility.

In addition to the Facility, in October, 2003 our Logistix subsidiary established an import/letter of credit facility with Hong Kong Shanghai Bank Corp. ("HSBC") to provide short-term financing of product purchases from Asia. The total availability under this facility is 1,000 GBP. Under this facility HSBC may pay Logistix's vendors directly upon receipt of invoices and shipping documentation. Logistix in turn is obligated to repay HSBC within 120 days. Advances outstanding under this facility totaled approximately \$626 as of December 31, 2003 and are recorded in accounts payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

#### Acquisitions

On July 17, 2002, we consummated the acquisition of UPSHOT, a marketing agency with expertise in promotion, event marketing, collaborative marketing and environmental branding. We financed the acquisition through our existing cash reserves. The acquisition was consummated pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated May 22, 2002, by and among EMAK, Promotional Marketing, LLC ("Promotional Marketing") and HA-LO Industries, Inc. ("HA-LO") (the "Purchase Agreement"). Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, we acquired the principal assets of Promotional Marketing (consisting of the principal assets used in connection with the operation of the UPSHOT business) for \$9,206 in cash plus related transaction costs of \$685. This purchase price is net of \$106 received in the fourth quarter of 2002 for a closing balance sheet working capital adjustment. We assumed the principal current liabilities of the UPSHOT business in connection with the acquisition. HA-LO, which is the parent company of Promotional Marketing, was in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings as of the acquisition date, and our acquisition of the UPSHOT business was approved by the United States bankruptcy court.

On September 3, 2003, we acquired substantially all of the assets of SCI, a privately held promotional marketing services company based in Ontario, California. We financed the acquisition through our existing cash reserves. The acquisition was consummated pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated September 3, 2003, by and among EMAK, SCI and Joseph J. Schmidt, III (the "Purchase Agreement"). Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, we acquired substantially all of the assets of SCI for a cash purchase price of approximately \$5,900 (before closing balance sheet working capital adjustment), plus additional earnout consideration of up to \$3,500 based upon future performance of the acquired business. Net of a holdback of \$250, we paid \$5,683 in cash plus related transaction costs of \$538. We also assumed the operating liabilities of the business in connection with the acquisition. The earnout consideration is based upon the business achieving targeted levels of earning before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") over the period from 2003 through 2006. The earnout payments, if required, are payable 50% in cash and 50% in shares of our common stock. The additional consideration, if any, will be recorded as goodwill.

#### **Issuance of Preferred Stock**

On March 29, 2000, Crown EMAK Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Crown"), invested \$11,900 in EMAK in exchange for preferred stock and warrants to purchase additional preferred stock. Under the terms of the investment, Crown acquired 11,900 shares of Series A mandatory redeemable senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, (the "Series A Stock") with a conversion price of \$14.75 per share. In connection with such purchase, we granted to Crown five year warrants (collectively, the "Warrants") to purchase 5,712 shares of Series B senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, (the "Series B Stock") at an exercise price of \$1,000 per share, and 1,428 shares of Series C senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, (the "Series C Stock") at an exercise price of \$1,000 per share. The Warrants were immediately exercisable. The conversion prices of the Series B Stock and the Series C Stock was \$16.00 and \$18.00 per share, respectively. On June 20, 2000, Crown paid us an additional \$13,100 in exchange for an additional 13,100 shares of Series A Stock with a conversion price of \$14.75 per share. In connection with such purchase, we granted to Crown additional Warrants to purchase another 6,288 shares of Series B Stock and another 1,572 shares of Series C Stock. Each share of Series A Stock is convertible into 67.7966 shares of Common Stock, representing 1,694,915 shares of Common Stock in aggregate. Each share of Series B Stock and Series C Stock is convertible into 62.5 and 55.5556 shares of Common Stock, respectively, representing 916,666 shares of Common Stock in aggregate. Also in connection with such purchase, we agreed to pay Crown a commitment fee in the aggregate amount of \$1,250, paid in equal quarterly installments of \$62.5 commencing on June 30, 2000 and ending on March 31, 2005. We paid \$250 in fees for the year ended December 31, 2003.

On March 19, 2004, we entered into a Warrant Exchange Agreement with Crown whereby Crown received new warrants to purchase an aggregate of 916,666 shares of Common Stock ("New Warrants") in exchange for cancellation of the existing Warrants to purchase shares of Series B Stock and Series C Stock (which, upon issuance, would be convertible into 916,666 shares of Common Stock). The New Warrants consist of warrants to purchase 750,000 shares and 166,666 shares of Common Stock at exercise prices of \$16.00 and \$18.00 per share, respectively. Of each tranch, 47.6% expire on March 29, 2010 and 52.4% expire on June 20, 2010. As a result of the exchange transaction, Crown received an extension of time in which to exercise its right to purchase additional equity in EMAK, and EMAK obtained an elimination of the preferred rights and preferences as well as the preferred dividend associated with the now eliminated Series B Stock and Series C Stock.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the our affairs, Crown, as holder of the Series A Stock, will be entitled to payment out of our assets available for distribution of an amount equal to the greater of (a) the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share (the "Liquidation Preference") plus all accrued and unpaid dividends or (b) the aggregate amount of payment that the outstanding preferred stock holder would have received assuming conversion to Common Stock immediately prior to the date of liquidation of capital stock, before any payment is made to other stockholders.

The Series A Stock is subject to mandatory redemption at the option of the holder at 101% of the aggregate Liquidation Preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends if a change in control occurs.

Crown has voting rights equivalent to the number of shares of Common Stock into which their Series A Stock is convertible on the relevant record date. Crown is also entitled to receive a quarterly dividend equal to 6% of the Liquidation Preference per share outstanding, payable in cash. Total dividend for the year ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$1,500, of which \$375 was paid in January 2004 and recorded in accounts payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003.

Crown currently holds 100% of the outstanding shares of Series A Stock, and has designated one individual to our Board of Directors. Crown currently has the right to designate two additional directors.

The Series A Stock is recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at its Liquidation Preference net of issuance costs. The issuance costs total approximately \$1,951 and include an accrual of approximately \$1,000 for the present value of the commitment fee discussed above.

#### Restructuring

During 2002, we formulated and implemented a restructuring plan in connection with the UPSHOT acquisition in order to combine and streamline EMAK's and UPSHOT's operations. In connection with this plan we recorded a restructuring charge of \$178. This charge represents severance for a workforce reduction of seven employees in our Los Angeles office, who were terminated, and is reflected as a restructuring charge in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. The workforce reduction included employees from our marketing services division as well as other support services. The full amount of the restructuring charge was paid as of December 31, 2003.

In connection with the restructuring plan, we also decided to close UPSHOT's Richmond, Virginia office and eliminate certain positions at UPSHOT's Chicago, Illinois office. Additionally, in 2003 we finalized the exit plan with respect to vacating half of the leased space (approximately 30,000 square feet) at UPSHOT's Chicago, Illinois office. This resulted in an adjustment to the liabilities recorded and an increase to goodwill of \$1,900 for the present value of the remaining lease payments for the vacated office space in excess of the estimated sub-lease income. The liabilities assumed in connection with this restructuring plan totaled \$3,535 and are included as part of goodwill in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 95-3, "Recognition of Liabilities in Connection with a Purchase Business Combination." \$1,369 of these liabilities were paid as of December 31, 2003.

In 2003, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$424 which represents severance for workforce reductions at our UPSHOT division. Our UPSHOT business did not achieve the level of contribution we were expecting this year which is primarily attributable to reduced marketing expenditures by a couple of its larger clients. In order to bring our cost structure in line with the current business volume, we eliminated eight positions at UPSHOT in December 2003. \$58 of the restructuring charge was paid as of December 31, 2003. This charge was partially offset by a \$190 reversal of a restructuring reserve that we established in 1998 relating to former consumer products licenses. This reversal is attributable to the expiration of certain contractual rights.

#### Stock Repurchase

On July 21, 2000, our Board of Directors authorized up to \$10,000 for the repurchase of our common stock over a twelve month period. In the period from July 21, 2000 to July 21, 2001, we spent \$6,430 to purchase an aggregate of 523,594 shares at an average price of \$12.28 per share including commissions. On July 24, 2001, our Board of Directors authorized up to an additional \$10,000 for the repurchase of our common stock over a twelve month period. In the period from August 2, 2001 through July 11, 2002, we spent \$5,605 to purchase 454,715 shares at an average price of \$12.33 per share including commissions. On July 12, 2002, our Board of Directors authorized up to an additional \$10,000 for the repurchase of our common stock. We spent \$3,294 to repurchase 251,100 shares at an average price of \$13.12 per share including commissions under this authorization through December 31, 2003. The duration of the current buyback program is indefinite; provided, however, that our Board of Directors intends to review the program quarterly. Purchases are conducted in the open market at prevailing prices, based on market conditions when we are not in a quiet period. We may also transact purchases effected as block trades, as well as certain negotiated, off-exchange purchases not in the open market. Since initiating the overall buyback program on July 20, 2000, we have spent \$15,329 to purchase a total of 1,229,409 shares at an average price of \$12.47 per share including commissions through December 31, 2003. This repurchase program is being funded through working capital.

#### Inflation

The effect of inflation on our operations during 2003 was insignificant. We will continue our policy of controlling costs and adjusting prices to the extent permitted by competitive factors.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

On July 15, 2003, we entered into an agreement with U.S. Capital Investors, Inc. ("USCI"), an entity controlled by Jeffrey S. Deutschman, pursuant to which USCI served as an advisor to the Company with respect to potential mergers and acquisitions through December 31, 2003. Mr. Deutschman currently serves on our Board of Directors as the representative of the holder of the Company's Series A Preferred Stock. The agreement with USCI provides for the payment of a discretionary success fee for completed acquisition transactions in an amount determined by an independent committee of the Board in accordance with certain guidelines and criteria. The guidelines for fees payable upon successful completion of an acquisition transaction are \$200 for up to \$10,000 of consideration, 1.5% of consideration from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and 1% of consideration over \$25,000; provided, however, that the success fee for the first transaction under the agreement has an initial fee guideline of \$275 for up to \$10,000 of consideration. Notwithstanding the guidelines, the independent committee has absolute discretion in determining the amount, if any, of the success fee for any transaction. The USCI agreement provides for the payment of a refundable advance against success fees in the aggregate amount of \$275. The USCI agreement was approved by the Board and consented to by the holder of the Series A Preferred Stock. We believe that this agreement has enhanced our ability to analyze and close merger and acquisition transactions in a manner that is more cost effective than traditional outside advisory firms. In connection with the September 2003 acquisition of SCI, USCI earned a success fee of \$275. This success fee is recorded as a transaction cost of the SCI acquisition. In connection with the February 2004 acquisition of JGI (discussed below), USCI earned a success fee of \$125. This success fee will be recorded as a transaction cost of the JGI acquisition. We are currently in discussions with USCI to continue the advisory related services through 2004 which may or may not be on the same terms.

#### **Subsequent Events**

On February 2, 2004 (effective January 31, 2004), we consummated the acquisition of the assets of the promotional agency business of Johnson Grossfield, Inc., a Minnesota corporation ("JGI"). Founded in 1987, JGI's promotional business is principally focused on providing custom licensed premiums for the kids marketing program of Subway Restaurants. JGI provides approximately 50% of the creative and sourcing requirements for Subway's kids premium programs, and handles 100% of Subway's logistics and fulfillment needs for these programs. JGI has worked with Subway for 12 years and has built strong relationships with the franchise organization.

The acquisition was consummated pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated January 16, 2004, by and among EMAK, Johnson Grossfield, Inc., a Delaware corporation wholly owned by EMAK, JGI, Marc Grossfield and Thom Johnson (the "Purchase Agreement"). Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, we purchased the assets of JGI's promotional agency business for approximately \$4,600 in cash and 35,785 shares of our common stock (which, based upon the January 30, 2004 closing price of \$14.80, had a value of \$530), plus additional earnout consideration of up to \$4,500 based upon future performance of the acquired business. We also assumed the operating liabilities of the promotional agency business in connection with the acquisition. The earnout consideration is based upon the business achieving targeted levels of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") over the period from 2004 through 2008. The earnout payments, if required, are payable 50% in cash and 50% in shares of our common stock.

As discussed above under the heading "Issuance of Preferred Stock", on March 19, 2004 we entered into an exchange transaction with Crown providing for the exchange of existing Warrants to purchase Series B Stock and Series C Stock expiring in 2005 for New Warrants to purchase Common Stock. In determining that the warrant exchange transaction was fair, from a financial point of view, our Board of Directors considered, among other things, a fairness opinion issued by an independent financial advisory services firm.

Effective January 1, 2004, we entered into an employment agreement with Kim Thomsen, our President and Chief Creative Officer. The employment agreement provides for: (i) her continued service through December 31, 2007 (subject to her option to become a part-time consultant during the last two years of the term), (ii) a long-term deferred compensation arrangement in the form of a pension annuity which vests over four years and provides for annual payments of \$200 to Ms. Thomsen commencing in 2008 and ending 2017, and (iii) the current surrender by Ms. Thomsen of 200,000 options at an exercise price of \$9.94 per share which fully vest on March 3, 2005 in exchange for 100,000 options at an exercise price of 19.94 per share which fully vest on March 3, 2005.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others" (FIN 45). FIN 45 requires that upon issuance of a guarantee, a guarantor must recognize a liability for the fair value of an obligation assumed under a guarantee. FIN 45 also requires additional disclosures by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about the obligations associated with guarantees issued. The recognition provisions of FIN 45 are effective for any guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. The disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements of interim or annual periods ending after December 15, 2002. The adoption of FIN45 did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure." SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair-value for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. SFAS No. 148 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2002. The interim disclosure provisions are effective for financial reports containing financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002. The adoption had no effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations. We continue to account for our stock-based compensation plans under APB Opinion No. 25. See Note 1 in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities", which addresses the consolidation of business enterprises (variable interest entities) to which the usual condition (ownership of a majority voting interest) of consolidation does not apply. The interpretation focuses on financial interests that indicate control. It concludes that in the absence of clear control through voting interests, a company's exposure (variable interest) to the economic risks and potential rewards from the variable interest entity's assets and activities are the best evidence of control. Variable interests are rights and obligations that convey economic gains or losses from changes in the values of the variable interest entity's assets and liabilities. Variable interests may arise from financial instruments, service contracts, nonvoting ownership interests and other arrangements. If an enterprise holds a majority of the variable interests of an entity, it would be considered the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary would be required to include the assets, liabilities and the results of operations of the variable interest entity in its financial statements. In December 2003, the FASB issued a revision to FIN 46 to address certain implementation issues. The adoption of FIN 46 and FIN 46 (revised) did not have an impact on our results of operations or financial position.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The guidance should be applied prospectively. The adoption of SFAS No. 149 did not have an impact on our results of operations or financial position.

In May 2003, SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity" was issued, which requires that certain financial instruments must now be accounted for as liabilities. The financial instruments affected include mandatory redeemable stock, certain financial instruments that require or may require the issuer to buy back some of its shares in exchange for cash or other assets and certain obligations that can be settled with shares of stock. SFAS No. 150 is effective for all financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 and were applied to our existing financial instruments effective July 1, 2003, the beginning of the first fiscal period after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 on July 1, 2003, did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements or disclosures. Our mandatory redeemable preferred stock does not have a fixed and determinable redemption date and, therefore, is not impacted by the adoption of SFAS No. 150.

In May 2003, the EITF issued Issue No. 00-21, "Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables". EITF Issue No. 00-21 provides guidance on how to determine when an arrangement that involves multiple revenue-generating activities or deliverables should be divided into separate units of accounting for revenue recognition purposes, and if this division is required, how the arrangement consideration should be allocated among the separate units of accounting. The guidance in this Issue is effective for revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. We were required to adopt the provisions of this Issue which had a favorable impact of approximately \$1,000, before taxes, on our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003. Under the new contractual arrangements with Burger King, creative services are a separate deliverable from manufacturing services. As a result, we are required to record the creative revenues when the specification and engineering package is delivered to and accepted by Burger King.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

We make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses. The accounting policies described below are those we consider most critical in preparing our consolidated financial statements. Management has discussed the development and selection of each of these critical accounting policies with the audit committee of the board of directors and the audit committee has reviewed each of the disclosures included below. These policies include significant judgment made by management using information available at the time the estimates are made. As described below, however, these estimates could change materially if different information or assumptions were used.

#### Revenue Recognition

For product related sales, we record revenues when title and risk of loss pass to the customer. When a right of return exists, our practice is to estimate and provide for any future returns at the time of sale, in accordance with SFAS No. 48, "Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists." Accruals for customer discounts and rebates and defective returns are recorded as the related revenues are recognized.

Service revenues include all amounts that are billable to clients under service contracts. Service related revenues are recognized on a time and materials basis, or on a straight-line basis, depending on the contract. In the case of fee and production arrangements, the revenues are recognized as the services are performed, which is generally ratably over the period of the client contract. Revenues from time and materials service contracts are recognized as the services are rendered. Revenues from fixed price retainer contracts are recognized on a straight-line basis over the contract term. Losses on contracts are recognized during the period in which the loss first becomes probable and reasonably estimable. Reimbursements, including those relating to travel and other out-of-pocket expenses, and other similar third-party costs, such as printing costs, are included in revenues, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses are included in cost of sales. Service revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 totaled \$3,215, \$13,895 and \$22,129, respectively. Unbilled revenues represent revenues recognized in advance of billings rendered based on work performed to date on certain service contracts. Unbilled revenues as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 totaled \$230 and \$992, respectively. Unbilled revenues are recorded in accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Unbilled revenues are expected to be billed and collected within the next six months.

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Our revenue recognition policies are in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Staff Accounting Bulletins ("SAB") No. 101: "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements" and SAB No. 104 "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements."

The allowances for doubtful accounts receivable and sales returns represent adjustments to customer trade accounts receivable for amounts deemed partially or entirely uncollectible. Management believes the accounting estimate related to such allowances is a "critical accounting estimate" because significant changes in it could materially affect key financial measures including revenues and selling, general and administrative expenses. In addition, the allowances require a high degree of judgment since they involve the estimation of the impact of both current and future economic factors as it relates to each of its customers' ability to pay amounts owed to us. In the case of its Consumer Products segment, we must estimate the impact of retail sell through on customer discounts and returns.

We regularly extend credit to distribution companies in connection with our business with Burger King, which more recently includes the newly formed Supply Chain Services, LLC ("SCS"), which is a subsidiary of Burger King's franchisee purchasing cooperative RSI. We began selling product to SCS in October, 2003. We anticipate that sales to SCS will reach 70% of our sales to the Burger King System by the end of 2004. Receivables from SCS are being guaranteed by RSI as required under our credit policy. Because of RSI's established credit history with us, we don't believe that this increase in concentration of receivables has negatively impacted our overall credit risk. Failure by SCS or one or more distribution companies to honor their payment obligations to us could have a material adverse effect on our operations. The largest such distribution company accounted for 20.8%, 20.5% and 17.9% of the products purchased from us by the Burger King system for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The largest such distribution company accounted for 13.6% and 23.9% of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

We also extend credit to several retailers in the Consumer Products business. The mass market retail channel has experienced significant shifts in market share among competitors in recent years, causing some large retailers to experience liquidity problems. Failure by one or more of these retailers to honor their payment obligations to us could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We have procedures to mitigate the risk of exposure to losses from bad debts. Revenue is recognized provided that: there are no uncertainties regarding customer acceptance; persuasive evidence of an agreement exists documenting the specific terms of the transaction; the sales price is fixed or determinable; and collectibility is reasonably assured. Our credit limits and payment terms are established based on the underlying criteria that collectibility must be reasonably assured at the levels set for each customer. Extensive evaluations are performed on an on-going basis throughout the fiscal year of the financial performance, cash generation, financing availability and liquidity status of each customer. Each customer is reviewed at least annually, with more frequent reviews being performed if necessary based on the customer's financial condition and the level of credit being extended. For customers who are experiencing financial difficulties, management performs additional financial analyses prior to shipping to those customers on credit. Customer terms and credit limits are reviewed and adjusted, if necessary, to reflect the results of the review. We use a variety of financial transactions to ensure collectibility of accounts receivable of customers deemed to be a credit risk, including requiring letters of credit and requiring cash on delivery.

We record allowances for doubtful accounts receivable and sales returns at the time revenue is recognized based on management's assessment of the business environment, customers' financial condition, historical collection experience, accounts receivable aging, retail sell through and customer disputes. When a significant event occurs, such as a bankruptcy filing of a customer, the allowance is reviewed for adequacy and adjusted to reflect the change in estimated receivable impairment. We believe that our allowances for doubtful accounts receivable and sales returns at December 31,2003 are adequate and proper.

#### Goodwill and Other Intangibles

SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" and SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" were approved by FASB effective June 30, 2001 for business combinations consummated after June 30, 2001. SFAS No. 141 eliminates the pooling-of-interests method for business combinations and requires use of the purchase method. SFAS No. 142 changes the accounting for goodwill and certain other intangible assets from an amortization approach to a non-amortization (impairment) approach. The statement requires amortization of goodwill recorded in connection with previous business combinations to cease upon adoption of the statement by calendar year companies on January 1, 2002. The statement required us to perform a transitional goodwill impairment test, using values as of the beginning of the fiscal year that SFAS No. 142 is adopted. We completed the goodwill transitional impairment test in the second quarter of 2002. As a result, we determined that a non-cash charge in the amount of \$2,496, net of tax, is required in connection with the goodwill resulting from the 1998 acquisition of Contract Marketing, Inc. and U.S. Import and Promotions Co., collectively referred to as "USI." The transition charge is reflected as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principles effective January 1, 2002, and therefore, results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 have been adjusted retroactively. We have adopted the provisions of these statements for the acquisition of Logistix effective July 1, 2001 and for all other acquisitions effective January 1, 2002. Accordingly, beginning on January 1, 2002, we have foregone all related goodwill amortization expense.

Prior to implementing SFAS No. 142, we reviewed all goodwill assets for impairment under the methodology of SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for the Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of." The undiscounted cash flows associated with all goodwill assets were in excess of the book value of the related goodwill assets, including USI goodwill. Therefore, no goodwill assets, including USI goodwill, were considered impaired under SFAS No. 121.

Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, the carrying value of assets acquired, including goodwill, are reviewed annually. During such a review we will estimate the fair value of the reporting unit to which the assets were assigned by discounting the reporting unit's estimated future cash flows before interest. We will compare the discounted future cash flows to the carrying value of the acquired net assets to determine if an impairment loss has occurred. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds their estimated fair values. In the fourth quarter of 2003, we performed the annual impairment test required by SFAS No. 142 and determined that our goodwill was not impaired as of December 31, 2003.

Management believes the accounting estimate related to the valuation of its goodwill and other intangibles is a "critical accounting estimate" because significant changes in assumptions could materially affect key financial measures, including net income and goodwill.

Our valuation method requires us to make projections of revenue, operating expenses and working capital investment for the reporting unit over a multi-year period. Additionally, management must make an estimate of its weighted average cost of capital to be used as a discount rate. Changes in these projections or estimates could result in a reporting unit either passing or failing the first step in the SFAS No. 142 impairment model, which could significantly change the amount of impairment recorded.

#### Royalties

We enter into agreements to license intellectual properties such as trademarks, copyrights, and patents. The agreements may call for minimum amounts of royalties to be paid in advance and throughout the term of the agreement, which are non-refundable in the event that product sales fail to meet certain minimum levels. Advance royalties resulting from such transactions are stated at the lower of the amounts paid or the amounts estimated to be recoverable from future sales of the related products. Furthermore, minimum guaranteed royalty commitments are reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure that amounts are recoverable based on estimates of future sales of the products under license. A loss provision will be recorded in the consolidated statements of operations to the extent that future minimum royalty guarantee commitments are not recoverable. Estimated future sales are projected based on historical experience, including that of similar products, and anticipated advertising and marketing support by the licensor.

Management believes the accounting estimate related to minimum guaranteed royalty commitments is a "critical accounting estimate" because changes in sales projections could materially affect key financial measures including, gross profit, net income and other assets.

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Inventory obsolescence reserves are recorded for damaged, obsolete, excess and slow-moving inventory. Management believes the accounting estimate related to inventory allowance is a "critical accounting estimate" because changes in it could materially affect key financial measures including, gross profit, net income and inventories. In addition, the valuation requires a high degree of judgment since it involves estimation of the impact resulting from both current and expected future events. As more fully described below, valuation of our Consumer Product inventory could be impacted by changes in public and consumer preferences, demand for product, or changes in the buying patterns and inventory management of customers.

Although the significant majority of our inventories are composed of made-to-order promotional product, in the Consumer Product segment orders are subject to cancellation or change at any time prior to shipment since actual shipments of products ordered and order cancellation rates are affected by consumer acceptance of product lines, strength of competing products, marketing strategies of retailers and overall economic conditions. Unexpected changes in these factors could result in excess inventory in a particular product line, which would require management to make a valuation estimate on such inventory.

We base our production schedules for consumer products on customer orders, historical trends, results of market research and current market information. We ship products in accordance with delivery schedules specified by our customers, which usually request delivery within three months. In anticipation of retail sales in the traditional holiday season in the fourth quarter, we significantly increased our production in advance of the peak selling period, resulting in a corresponding build-up of consumer product inventory levels in the second and third quarters of the year. These seasonal purchasing patterns and requisite production lead times cause risk to our consumer product business associated with the underproduction of popular products and the overproduction of products that do not have significant consumer demand. Retailers are also attempting to manage their inventories more tightly, requiring us to ship products closer to the time the retailers expect to sell the products to consumers. These factors increase inventory valuation risk since we may not be able to meet demand for certain products at peak demand times, or that our own inventory levels may be adversely impacted by the need to pre-build products before orders are placed.

Additionally, current conditions in the domestic and global economies are extremely uncertain. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth in various parts of the economy, including the markets in which we participate. Economic changes may affect the sales of our consumer products and its corresponding inventory levels, which would potentially impact the valuation of our inventory.

At the end of each quarter, management within the Consumer Products business segment performs a detailed review of its inventory on an item by item basis and identifies which products are believed to be obsolete or slow-moving. Management then applies an allowance for inventory obsolescence to such inventory based on certain expectations, including customer and consumer demand for product and the aging of the inventory, which are impacted by the factors discussed above.

Management believes that the allowance for obsolescence at December 31, 2003 is adequate and proper. However, the impact resulting from the aforementioned factors could cause actual results to vary. Any incremental obsolescence charges would negatively affect the results of operations of the Consumer Products business segments.

### Cautionary Statements and Risk Factors

Set forth below and elsewhere in this Form 10-K and in other documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission are important risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results of operations, business and financial condition to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward looking statements contained in this Form 10-K.

#### We Depend Significantly on One Key Customer

Our success is partly dependent on a single customer, Burger King, which accounted for approximately 66%, 65% and 58% of our revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The termination or a significant reduction by Burger King of its business with us would adversely affect our business. We have domestic and international agreements with Burger King and its franchisee purchasing cooperative which guarantee that we will retain our role as the primary creative and manufacturing agency of record for both domestic and international Burger King premiums programs awarded through September 2004 (shipping through approximately September 2005). Our long-term agreements provide for bi-annual determinations of our guaranteed level of Burger King premiums business. The Burger King business is subject to significant year-to-year variability. For instance, our revenues generated by our business with Burger King increased from \$95,405 in 2001 to \$133,987 in 2002 then dropped to \$126,791 in 2003. We expect a further reduction in sales to Burger King of \$15,000 to \$20,000 in 2004 before increasing in 2005. The success of our business with Burger King is also partially dependent on the overall success of the Burger King system, whose sales could be negatively impacted by such factors as increased competition, a recent change in ownership and product recalls.

#### We Face Credit Risk

We regularly extend credit to distribution companies in connection with our business with Burger King, which more recently includes the newly formed SCS, which is a subsidiary of Burger King's franchisee purchasing cooperative RSI. We began selling product to SCS in October, 2003. We anticipate that sales to SCS will reach 70% of our sales to the Burger King System by the end of 2004. Failure by SCS to honor their payment obligations to us could have a material adverse effect on our operations. Receivables from SCS are being guaranteed by RSI as required under our credit policy. Because of RSI's established credit history with us, we don't believe that this increase in concentration of receivables has negatively impacted our overall credit risk. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to obtain guarantees from RSI in the future. We also extend credit to several retailers in connection with our Consumer Products business. The mass market retail channel has experienced significant shifts in market share among competitors in recent years, causing some large retailers to experience liquidity problems. Failure by one or more of these retailers to honor their payment obligations to us could have a material adverse effect on our business.

#### We Rely on the Continued Development of New Promotional Programs

A large portion of our revenues come from a relatively limited number of promotional programs, which promotions are in effect for only a limited period of time and generally are not repeated. We must continually develop and sell new products and services for utilization in new promotional programs as part of our clients annual promotions calendars. There can be no assurance that we or our customers will be able to secure licenses for additional entertainment properties on which to base our promotional products or that, if secured, such licenses will result in successful products.

#### We Rely on the Continued Development of New Consumer Products

Many consumer products are successfully marketed for only one or two years as a result of changing consumer preferences. Accordingly, our Consumer Products business depends on the ability to develop and market new products associated with new entertainment properties or proprietary concepts. There can be no assurance that any new retail product line will be successful. The cancellation or premature termination of one or more retail product lines because of our inability to renew or extend licenses (which typically have terms of three years or less) on favorable terms or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to secure licenses for additional entertainment properties on which to base our consumer products or that, if secured, such licenses will result in successful products.

#### The Success of Our Products Depends on the Popularity of Licensed Materials

Our promotional premiums and consumer products are typically based on entertainment properties, such as characters from current motion pictures or television programs. The success of these products largely depends on the popularity of the entertainment properties on which they are based. Each motion picture and television program is an individual artistic work, and its commercial success is dependent on unpredictable consumer preferences. Our results of operations may be adversely affected if the entertainment properties upon which our products are based turn out to be less popular than we anticipate. Also, delays in the release of motion pictures or television programs could result in delays or cancellations of our promotions.

#### Our Future Operating Results are Difficult to Predict

We experience significant quarter-to-quarter variability in our revenues and net income. The promotions business tends to include larger promotions in the summer and during the winter holiday season. Major movie and television release schedules also vary year-to-year, influencing the promotional schedules of our customers, as well as the particular promotions for which we are retained. The motion picture or television characters on which the promotions business is often based may only be popular for short periods of time or not at all. There may not be comparable popular characters or similar promotional campaigns in the future. Due to the foregoing factors, we believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results are not a good indication of our future performance. It is likely that in some future quarter our operating results may fall below the expectations of securities analysts and investors.

#### There Are Risks Associated with Acquisitions

If we are presented with appropriate opportunities, we intend to make investments in complementary companies. We may not realize the anticipated benefits of any acquisitions or investment. If we buy a company, we could have difficulty in assimilating that company's personnel and operations. In addition, the key personnel of the acquired company may decide not to work for us. If we make other types of acquisitions, we could have difficulty in assimilating the acquired technology or products into our operations. These difficulties could disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management and employees and increase our expenses. Future acquisitions could result in potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities and/or amortization expenses related to goodwill and other intangible assets, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Our Business May be Impacted by Adverse General Economic Conditions

Current conditions in the domestic and global economies are extremely uncertain. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth for the economy as a whole. It is even more difficult to estimate growth in various parts of the economy, including the markets in which we participate. Because all components of our budgeting and forecasting are dependent upon estimates of growth in the markets we serve and demand for our products and services, the prevailing economic uncertainties render estimates of future income and expenditures even more difficult than usual to make. Adverse changes may occur as a result of softening global economies, wavering consumer confidence caused by the threat or occurrence of terrorist attacks such as those in the US on September 11, 2001, war, or other factors affecting economic conditions generally. Such changes may negatively affect the sales of our products, increase exposure to losses for bad debt, or increase costs associated with manufacturing and distributing these products.

## Our Current Licenses Require Us to Pay Minimum Royalties

Sales of products under trademarks or trade or brand names licensed from others account for substantially all of our Consumer Products revenues. Product licenses allow us to capitalize on characters, designs, concepts and inventions owned by others or developed by toy inventors and designers. Our license agreements generally require us to make specified minimum royalty payments, even if we fail to sell a sufficient number of units to cover these amounts.

Our Business is Subject to Extensive Government Regulation and to Potential Product Liability Claims

Our business is subject to the provisions of, among other laws, the Federal Consumer Products Safety Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, and rules and regulations promulgated under these acts. These statutes are administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") which has the authority to remove from the market products that are found to be defective and present a substantial hazard or risk of serious injury or death. The CPSC can require a manufacturer to recall, repair, or replace these products under certain circumstances. We cannot assure that defects in our products will not be alleged or found. Products that we develop or sell may expose us to liability from claims by users of such products for damages including, but not limited to, bodily injury or property damage. We currently maintain product liability insurance coverage in amounts that we believe are adequate. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such coverage or obtain additional coverage on acceptable terms in the future, or that such insurance will provide adequate coverage against all potential claims. Products that we develop or sell may also expose us to liability for the costs related to product recalls. These costs can include legal expenses, advertising, collection and destruction of product, and free goods. Our product liability insurance coverage generally excludes such costs and damages resulting from product recall.

### Our Markets Are Highly Competitive

The markets in which our businesses operate are highly competitive. Our competitors, and in many cases their parent companies, include companies which have far more extensive sales and development staffs and significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources than we do. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete effectively against such companies.

#### We Rely on Foreign Manufacturers

During 2003, approximately 96% of our products were manufactured in China. Foreign manufacturing is subject to a number of risks, including transportation delays and interruptions, political and economic disruptions, the imposition of tariffs, quotas and other import or export controls, and changes in governmental policies. In addition, past outbreaks of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome have been significantly concentrated in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong and in the Guangdong province of China, where many of our contract manufacturers are located. The development and manufacture of our products could suffer if a significant number of our employees in Hong Kong or the employees of our contract manufacturers in China contract SARS or other communicable diseases, or are otherwise unable to fulfill their responsibilities.

We do not have long-term contracts with our foreign manufacturers. Although we believe we could secure other third-party manufacturers to produce our products, our operations could be adversely affected if we lost our relationship with several of our current foreign manufacturers.

Virtually all of the raw materials used in our products are available to our contract manufacturers from numerous suppliers. Our manufacturers do not have long-term supply contracts in place with their raw materials suppliers. Accordingly, we are subject to variations in the prices we pay to our manufacturers for products, depending on what they pay for their raw materials. An increase in the cost of raw materials, such as petroleum, could result in price increases which we may not be able to fully pass on to our customers. Any such increase could negatively impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### We Face Foreign Currency Risk

As part of our business, we enter into contracts for the purchase and sale of products with entities in foreign countries. While the vast majority of our contracts are denominated in U.S. dollars, significant fluctuations in the local currencies of the entities with which we transact business may adversely affect these entities' abilities to fulfill their obligations under their contracts.

Logistix Kids enters into contracts denominated primarily in U.S. dollars, British pounds sterling and Euros. Although we attempt to reduce its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates through the use of certain hedging techniques, changes in such exchange rates may result in changes in the value of our commitments and anticipated foreign currency cash flows.

A Significant Portion of Our Common Stock is Controlled by Our Officers and Directors

Donald A. Kurz and Stephen P. Robeck beneficially own approximately 27% and 14%, respectively, of our outstanding Common Stock. Mr. Kurz is our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Robeck is a member of the Board of Directors. Crown owns 100% of the outstanding shares of our Series A senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, which are convertible into 1,694,915 shares of Common Stock (representing 23% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock on an as converted basis). These stockholders, either individually or acting together, significantly influence all matters requiring approval by our stockholders, including the election of directors and the approval of mergers or other business combination transactions.

#### We May Issue Preferred Stock

Our Board of Directors has authority to issue up to one million shares of preferred stock, and to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of those shares without any further vote or action by our stockholders. The potential issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control and may discourage bids for the Common Stock at a premium over the market price of the Common Stock and may adversely affect the market price of, and the voting and other rights of, the holders of Common Stock. The outstanding Series A Stock is senior to any class of preferred stock which might be authorized by the Board of Directors in the future.

# ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Impact of Interest Rate Changes

The amounts borrowed under our credit facility are at variable interest rates, and we are subject to market risk resulting from interest rate fluctuations. No amounts were outstanding under our facility throughout the year ended December 31, 2003.

Impact of Foreign Currency Fluctuation

Approximately 12% of our revenues are denominated in foreign currencies, and we are subject to market risks resulting from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. In certain instances, we enter into foreign currency exchange contracts in order to reduce exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates that affect the value of our firm commitments and certain anticipated foreign currency cash flows. We currently intend to continue to enter into such contracts to hedge against future material foreign currency exchange rate risks.

As of December 31, 2003, our Logistix Kids subsidiary entered into foreign currency forward contracts aggregating GBP 3,296 to sell Euros in exchange for pound sterling and to sell pound sterling in exchange for United States dollars. The contracts will expire by September 2004. At December 31, 2003, the foreign currency forward contracts had an estimated fair value of \$(185). The fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts is recorded in accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. The unrealized loss on the contracts is reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income.

#### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

#### Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors of Equity Marketing, Inc. and Subsidiaries

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 and the related consolidated statements of operations, of shareholders' equity and mandatory redeemable preferred stock, of comprehensive income and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equity Marketing, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") at December 31, 2002 and 2003, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2003 are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. The financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2001, were audited by other independent accountants who have ceased operations. Those independent accountants expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated February 27, 2002.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2002, the Company changed its method of accounting for goodwill in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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# Report of Independent Public Accountants

To Equity Marketing, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Equity Marketing, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and mandatory redeemable preferred stock, comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equity Marketing, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 2001, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP Arthur Andersen LLP

Los Angeles, California February 27, 2002

# EQUITY MARKETING, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

( v.	Decen	nber 31,
ASSETS	2002	2003
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,833	\$ 19,291
Marketable securities	1,000	
Accounts receivable (net of allowances of \$2,033 and \$2,143		
as of December 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively)	43,817	36,765
Inventories	16,363	15,099
Deferred income taxes	3,038	2,303
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,769	2,049
Total current assets	91,820	75,507
Fixed assets, net	4,185	3,809
Goodwill	33,730	41,893
Other intangibles, net	769	1,252
Deferred income taxes	584	2,833
Other assets	2,166	3,036
Total assets	\$ 133,254	\$ 128,330
LIABILITIES, MANDATORY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK AND STOC	KHOLDERS'	EOUITY
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Short-term debt	\$	\$
Accounts payable	38,334	28,865
Due to customer	11,087	5,276
Accrued payroll and payroll related costs	1,677	1,051
Accrued liabilities	11,565	10,868
Total current liabilities	62,663	46,060
Long-term liabilities	1,596	5,555
Total liabilities	64,259	51,615
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 10):		
Mandatory redeemable preferred stock, Series A senior cumulative participating		
convertible, \$.001 par value, 25,000 issued and outstanding, stated at liquidation	22.040	22.040
preference of \$1,000 per share (\$25,000), net of issuance costs	<u>23,049</u>	23,049
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value per share, 1,000,000 shares		
authorized, 25,000 Series A issued and outstanding		
Common stock, par value \$.001 per share, 50,000,000		
shares authorized, 5,716,503 and 5,684,953 shares		
outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and		
2003, respectively		22.006
Additional paid-in capital	21,641	23,886
Retained earnings	38,689	45,138
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,710 62,040	3,334 72,358
Less		
Treasury stock, 3,007,108 and 3,150,708 shares at cost as of December 31, 2002		
and 2003, respectively	(15,506)	(17,458)
Unearned compensation	(588)	(1,234)
Total stockholders' equity	45,946	53,666
Total liabilities, mandatory redeemable preferred stock and stockholders' equity	\$ 133,254	\$ 128,330

# EQUITY MARKETING, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Years Ended December 31,					
		2001		2002		2003
REVENUES	\$	144,316	¢	206,832	\$	219,113
Cost of sales	Ψ	104,129		151,307	Ψ	158,117
Forgiveness of note receivable		104,127		1,685		150,117
Gross profit		40,187		53,840		60,996
OPERATING EXPENSES:						
Salaries, wages and benefits		15,924		20,662		24,523
Selling, general and administrative		18,323		22,423		24,576
Integration costs		192		453		
Restructuring charge				178		234
Total operating expenses		34,439		43,716		49,333
Income from operations		5,748		10,124		11,663
OTHER (EXPENSE) INCOME:						
Interest expense		(249)		(258)		(221)
Interest income		1,695		321		152
Other income (expense)		(76)		320		458
Income before provision for income taxes and cumulative						
effect of change in accounting principles		7,118		10,507		12,052
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES		2,517		3,786		4,103
Income before cumulative effect of change		4,601		6,721		7,949
in accounting principles						
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles, net of tax				(2,496)		
Net Income		4,601		4,225		7,949
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS		1,500		1,500		1,500
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	<u> </u>	3,101	\$	2,725	\$_	6,449
BASIC INCOME PER SHARE:						
Income per share before cumulative effect of change						
in accounting principles	\$	0.52	\$	0.91	\$	1.13
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles	Ψ		Ψ	(0.44)	Ψ	
BASIC INCOME PER SHARE	\$	0.52	\$	0.48	\$	1.13
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING		,996,662		721,790		,718,548
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DILUTED INCOME PER SHARE:						
Income per share before cumulative effect of change						
in accounting principles	\$	0.50	\$	0.89	\$	1.03
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles	7		~	(0.33)	•	
DILUTED INCOME PER SHARE	\$	0.50	\$	0.56	\$	1.03
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING		5,164,154		590,018		712.633

EQUITY MARKETING, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND MANDATORY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK
(in thousands, except share data)

				•	Additional	*	Accumulated Other	-a	Stock		
	Comm	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	d Stock	Paid-in Canital	Retained Farnings	Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock	Subscription Receivable	Unearned Compensation	Total
Balance December 31 2000	6,141,396	- \$	I۵	\$ 23,049	\$ 18,209	\$ 32,863		\$ (5,777)	\$ (11)	\$ (43)	\$ 68,290
Net income		:	1		ı	4,601	ł	1	t	:	4,601
Amortization of restricted stock grants	ł	ì	;	;	;	ţ	:	1	;	33	33
Exercise of stock options	236,607	ì	;	ı	1,284	ŀ	;	1	;	;	1,284
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options		:	;	1	557	;	ı	;	,	:	557
Preferred stock dividends	ł	:	;	ł	ı	(1,500)	;	1	;	1	(1,500)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	:	ŧ	;	;	1	;	213	1	;	;	213
Unrealized gain on foreign currency forward contract	contract		;	:	ŀ	ì	. 29	;	;	;	29
Purchase of freasury stock	(662.710)	1	;	ŧ	;	;	;	(2,696)	;	;	(4,996)
Loan forgiveness	` 1	;			-	;	:	1	=	1	=
Balance, December 31, 2001	5,715,293	;	25,000 23,049	049	20,050	35,964	242	(13,773)	}	(10)	65,522
Net income		1	1	;	1	4,225	1	1	;	:	4,225
Issuance of shares pursuant to restricted											1
stock plan	50,000	1	;	<b>4</b> 1	658	;	:	1	;	(658)	
Amortization of restricted stock grants	1	1	;		1	ı	1	1	;	80	80
Exercise of stock options	88,525	:	;	;	840	;	1	1	;	ı	840
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options		l	;	1	93	:	:	;	;	:	. 93
Preferred stock dividends	;	;		ì	;	(1,500)	;	ı	;	ì	(1,500)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	;	1	}	1	1	. 1	1.523	;	}	;	1,523
Foreign currency transtation adjustments Threstived loss on foreign							<u>.</u>				
currency forward contracts	;	1	;	1	1	;	(55)	:	;	,	(55)
Purchase of treasury stock	(137 315)	1	;	1	;	1		(1,733)	;	:	(1,733)
Balance December 31, 2002	5,716,503		25,000 23,049	046	21,641	38,689	1,710	(15,506)	:	(888)	68,995
Net income	1	ì	٠,	1	ı	7,949	;	:	J	;	7,949
Issuance of shares pursuant to restricted											
stock plan	1,000	1	;	ŀ	13	;	;	1	:	(13)	1
Issuance of restricted stock units	1	:	;	:	1,022	1		:	:	(1,022)	1
Amortization of restricted stock units		:	;	;	1	!		ì	:	981	186
Cancellation of restricted stock plan grants	1	!	. 1	:	(26)	1	1	:	}	56	<b>!</b>
Amortization of restricted stock grants	t	ŀ	j	;	1	1	:	;	;	177	177
Exercise of stock options	111,050	;	;	. ;	935	:	1	1	:	;	935
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	1	;	ł	1	301	1	!	;	1	;	301
Preferred stock dividends	:	:	i	;	1	(1,500)	1	l	:	1	(1,500)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	ŧ	1	ı	;	ł	1	1,784	;	;	;	1,784
Unrealized loss on foreign											3
currency forward contracts	1	;	}	:	1	:	(160)	!	:	1	(190)
Purchase of treasury stock	(143,600)	1	1	:	:	:	:	(1,952)	:	-	(1,952)
Balance, December 31, 2003	5,684,953	÷	25,000 \$ 23,049	3,049	\$ 23,886	\$ 45,138	\$3,334	(17,458)		\$ (1,234)	\$ 76,715

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.

# EQUITY MARKETING, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (in thousands)

	Yea	Years Ended December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003		
NET INCOME	\$ 4,601	\$ 4,225	\$ 7,949		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME: Foreign currency translation adjustments	213	1,523	1,784		
Unrealized gain (loss) on foreign currency forward contract	29	(55)	(160)		
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 4,843	\$ 5,693	\$ 9,573		

# EQUITY MARKETING, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31.					
		2001		2002		2003
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			·			
Net income	\$	4,601	\$	4,225	\$	7,949
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided						
by operating activities:						
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles, net of tax				2,496		
Depreciation and amortization		2,477		1,831		1,946
Provision for bad debts		336		484		277
Gain on asset disposal		(3)		(15)		(19)
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options		557		93		301
Amortization of restricted stock		33		80		363
Forgiveness of note receivable				1,685		
Other		14		(20)		(1)
Changes in assets and liabilities-						
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents:						
Accounts receivable		9,733		(18,718)		12,338
Note receivable		6,139		498		
Inventories		3,442		(5,073)		2,294
Deferred income taxes		1,304		(697)		559
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(1,674)		4,207		963
Other assets		851		(542)		(840)
Accounts payable		(447)		14,645		(13,892)
Accrued liabilities		(14,608)		5,811		(9,486)
Long-term liabilities		128		(409)		(791)
Net cash provided by operating activities		12,883		10,581		1,961
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Payment for purchase of Contract Marketing, Inc. and U.S. Import &						
Promotions Co.		(656)				
Payment for purchase of Logistix Limited, net of cash acquired of \$1,750		(11,405)				
Payment for purchase of UPSHOT				(9,891)		
Payment for purchase of SCI, net of cash acquired of \$162						(6,059)
Proceeds from sales of fixed assets		36		135		74
Purchases of fixed assets		(1,044)		(982)		(1,150)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities, net				6,200		1,000
Purchase of marketable securities, net		(2,100)				
Net cash used in investing activities		(15,169)		(4,538)		(6,135)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Preferred stock dividends paid		(1,500)		(1,500)		(1,500)
Purchase of treasury stock		(7,996)		(1,733)		(1,952)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		1,284		840		935
Net cash used in financing activities		(8,212)		(2,393)		(2,517)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(10,498)		3,650		(6,691)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		28		248		149
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year		32,405		21,935		25,833
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$_	21,935	\$	25,833	\$	19,291
CASH PAYMENTS DURING YEAR FOR:						
Interest	\$	189	\$	286	\$_	214
Taxes	\$	2,906	\$	218	\$	4,166

# EQUITY MARKETING, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Organization and Business**

Equity Marketing, Inc., a Delaware corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company"), is a leading global marketing services company based in Los Angeles, with offices in Chicago, New York, Ontario (California), London, Paris and Hong Kong. The Company focuses on the design and execution of strategy-based marketing programs, with expertise in the areas of: strategic planning and research, entertainment marketing, design and manufacturing of custom promotional products, promotion, event marketing, collaborative marketing, retail design and environmental branding. The Company's clients include Burger King Corporation, Diageo, Kellogg's, Kohl's, Macy's, Nordstom and Procter & Gamble, among others. The Company complements its core marketing services and promotions business by developing and marketing distinctive consumer products, based on emerging and evergreen licensed properties, which are sold through specialty and mass-market retailers. The Company primarily sells to customers in the United States and Europe. The Company's functional currency is the United States dollar.

Equity Marketing Hong Kong, Ltd., a Delaware corporation ("EMHK"), is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Company. EMHK manages production of the Company's products by third parties in the Far East and currently is responsible for performing and/or procuring product sourcing, product engineering, quality control inspections, independent safety testing and export/import documentation.

Logistix Limited, a United Kingdom corporation ("Logistix"), is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Company which was aquired on July 31, 2001. Logistix is a marketing services agency which focuses primarily on assisting consumer packaged goods companies in their efforts to market to children between the ages of seven and fourteen by developing and executing premium-based promotions and by providing marketing consulting services. Logistix also derives a portion of its revenues from a consumer products business.

The Company's UPSHOT division ("UPSHOT"), which was acquired on July, 17, 2003 is a marketing agency, specializing in promotion, event, collaborative marketing, retail design and environmental branding. UPSHOT has a reputation for creating highly successful integrated marketing programs for world class brands such as Diageo, Discover Financial Services, and Procter & Gamble.

The Company's SCI Promotion Group division ("SCI"), which was acquired on September 3, 2003, is a promotional marketing services business specializing in the development and execution of promotional campaigns that utilize purchase-with-purchase, giftwith-purchase and incentives, promotional licenses and promotional retail program, principally for the retail department store industry.

#### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant accounts and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all short-term investments with a maturity at the date of purchase of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Short-term investments included in cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost, which approximates fair value as of December 31, 2002 and 2003.

#### Marketable Securities

In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," the Company determines the appropriate classification of marketable securities at the time of purchase and re-evaluates such designation at each balance sheet date. Marketable securities have been classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value.

The cost of debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity. Such amortization, interest income, realized gains and losses and declines in value judged to be other than temporary are included in interest income and expense. The cost of securities sold is based on specific identification.

#### Revenue Recognition

For product related sales, the Company records revenues when title and risk of loss pass to the customer. When a right of return exists, the Company's practice is to estimate and provide for any future returns at the time of sale, in accordance with SFAS No. 48, "Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists." Accruals for customer discounts and rebates and defective returns are recorded as the related revenues are recognized.

Service revenues include all amounts that are billable to clients under service contracts. Service related revenues are recognized on a time and materials basis, or on a straight-line basis, depending on the contract. In the case of fee and production arrangements, the revenues are recognized as the services are performed, which is generally ratably over the period of the client contract. Revenues from time and materials service contracts are recognized as the services are rendered. Revenues from fixed price retainer contracts are recognized on a straight-line basis over the contract term. Losses on contracts are recognized during the period in which the loss first becomes probable and reasonably estimable. Reimbursements, including those relating to travel and other out-of-pocket expenses, and other similar third-party costs, such as printing costs, are included in revenues, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses are included in cost of sales. Service revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 totaled \$3,215, \$13,895 and \$22,129, respectively. Unbilled revenues represent revenues recognized in advance of billings rendered based on work performed to date on certain service contracts. Unbilled revenues as of December 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively, totaled \$230 and \$992, respectively. Unbilled revenues are recorded in accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. Unbilled revenues are expected to be billed and collected within the next six months.

In May 2003, the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") issued Issue No. 00-21, "Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables". EITF Issue No. 00-21 provides guidance on how to determine when an arrangement that involves multiple revenue-generating activities or deliverables should be divided into separate units of accounting for revenue recognition purposes, and if this division is required, how the arrangement consideration should be allocated among the separate units of accounting. The guidance in this Issue is effective for revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. The Company was required to adopt the provisions of this Issue which had a favorable impact of approximately \$1,000, before taxes, on our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003. Under new contractual arrangements with Burger King, creative services are a separate deliverable from manufacturing services. As a result, the Company is required to record the creative revenues when the specification and engineering package is delivered to and accepted by Burger King.

The Company's revenue recognition policies are in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Staff Accounting Bulletins ("SAB") No. 101: "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements" and SAB No. 104 "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements."

#### **Inventories**

Inventories consist of (a) production-in-process which primarily represents tooling costs which are deferred and amortized over the life of the products and deferred costs on service contracts and (b) purchased finished goods held for sale to customers and purchased finished goods in transit to customers' distribution centers. As of December 31, 2001 and 2002, inventories consisted of the following:

	 December 31,			
	 2002	2003		
Production-in-process	\$ 5,062	\$ 3,363		
Finished goods	 11,301	11,736		
	\$ 16,363	\$ 15,099		

#### **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are provided on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements -- lesser of lease term or life of related asset Furniture, fixtures, equipment, hardware and software -- 3-7 years

Betterments, which extend the life or add value to fixed assets are capitalized and depreciated over their remaining useful life. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

In October 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." SFAS No. 144 requires that long-lived assets be measured at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell, whether reported in continuing operations or in discontinued operations. SFAS No. 144 is effective for 2002 and generally is to be applied prospectively. The Company adopted SFAS No. 144 beginning January 1, 2002. The impact of such adoption did not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

# Goodwill and Other Intangibles

SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" and SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" were approved by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") effective June 30, 2001 for business combinations consummated after June 30, 2001. SFAS No. 141 eliminates the pooling-of-interests method for business combinations and requires use of the purchase method. SFAS No. 142 changes the accounting for goodwill and certain other intangible assets from an amortization approach to a non-amortization (impairment) approach. The statement required amortization of goodwill recorded in connection with previous business combinations to cease upon adoption of the statement by calendar year companies on January 1, 2002. The statement required the Company to perform a transitional goodwill impairment test, using values as of January 1, 2002. The Company completed the goodwill transitional impairment test in the second quarter of 2002. As a result, the Company determined that a non-cash charge in the amount of \$2,496, net of tax, was required relating to the goodwill resulting from the 1998 acquisition of Contract Marketing, Inc. and U.S. Import and Promotions Co., collectively referred to as "USI." The transition charge is reflected as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principles effective January 1, 2002, and therefore, results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 have been adjusted retroactively. Subsequent to the transition charge, the balance of the USI goodwill was \$8,198. The Company has adopted the provisions of these statements for the acquisition of Logistix (see Note 4) effective July 1, 2001 and for all other acquisitions effective January 1, 2002. Accordingly, beginning on January 1, 2002, the Company has foregone all related goodwill amortization expense.

Prior to implementing SFAS No. 142, the Company reviewed all goodwill assets for impairment under the methodology of SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of." The undiscounted cash flows associated with all goodwill were in excess of the book value of the related goodwill, including USI goodwill. Therefore, for the year ended December 31, 2001, no goodwill, including USI goodwill, were considered impaired under SFAS No. 121. See Note 3, "Impairment of Assets."

Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, the carrying value of assets acquired, including goodwill, are reviewed annually. During such a review the Company will estimate the fair value of the reporting unit to which the assets were assigned by discounting the reporting unit's estimated future cash flows before interest. The Company will compare the discounted future cash flows to the carrying value of the acquired net assets to determine if an impairment loss has occurred. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds their estimated fair values. In the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company performed its most recent annual impairment test required by SFAS No. 142 and determined that its goodwill was not impaired as of December 31, 2003.

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of acquisitions over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired. For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, amortization expense for goodwill amounted to \$759, \$0 and \$0, respectively. Goodwill relating to acquisitions consummated on or after July 1, 2001 is not amortized.

For the year ended December 31, 2001, the reconciliation of reported net income and diluted income per share to adjusted net income and adjusted diluted net income per share reflecting the elimination of goodwill amortization is as follows:

	Years Ended December 31, 2001
Net income available to common stockholders, as reported Add back: Elimination of goodwill amortization (net of tax effect) Net income available to common stockholders, as adjusted	\$ 3,101 485 \$ 3,586
Diluted income per share Income per share, as reported Add back: Elimination of goodwill amortization (net of tax effect) Income per share, as adjusted	\$ 0.50 0.08 \$ 0.58

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill from \$33,730 as of December 31, 2002 to \$41,893 as of December 31, 2003 reflects: the acquisition of SCI of \$3,909, an adjustment to reflect the net increase to goodwill for the Upshot acquisition of \$2,782, and a foreign currency translation adjustment of \$1,472. Of the goodwill balance, \$8,317 relates to the consumer products segment and \$33,576 relates to the marketing services segment.

Identifiable intangibles of \$769 and \$1,252 as of December 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively, a portion of which are subject to amortization, are included in other intangibles in the consolidated balance sheets.

Other intangibles are summarized as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2002	2003		
Amortized Intangible Assets				
Equity Marketing, Inc. trademark	\$ 52	\$ 52		
Licensing, royalty and standstill agreements	136	151		
Customer contracts and related customer relationships	238	869		
Sales order backlog	218	343		
Subtotal	644	1,415		
Less: Accumulated amortization	(461)	(813)		
	183	602		
Unamortized Intangible Assets				
Logistix trademark	586	650		
Total Other Intangibles	\$ 769	\$ 1.252		

The Equity Marketing, Inc. trademark is being amortized over an estimated useful life of 10 years. The Logistix trademark is not subject to amortization under the provisions of SFAS No. 142 as it has been determined that it has an indefinite life. (see Note 4). The licensing, royalty and standstill agreements along with the customer contracts and related customer relationships acquired in the purchase of Logistix were amortized over the lives of the respective agreements which ranged from 2 to 3 years and were fully amortized as of December 31, 2003. The sales order backlog was also acquired in the purchase of Logistix and was fully amortized as of December 31, 2001. (See Note 4). The customer contracts and related customer relationships acquired in the purchase of UPSHOT are amortized over the lives of the respective agreements which range from 6 to 12 months and were fully amortized as of December 31, 2003. Sales order backlog was also acquired in the purchase of UPSHOT and was fully amortized as of December 31, 2002. (See Note 4). The customer contracts and related customer relationships acquired in the purchase of SCI are amortized over an estimated useful life of 5 years. Sales order backlog was also acquired in the purchase of SCI and was fully amortized as of December 31, 2003. (See Note 4). For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, amortization expense related to other intangibles amounted to \$186, \$234 and \$309, respectively. The expected future amortization expense related to other intangibles is \$124 per year through December 31, 2008.

#### **Due to Customer**

Pursuant to the terms of certain contracts between the Company and a promotions customer, the Company collects fees from the customer's distribution companies on behalf of that customer. Once these fees are collected from the distribution companies, the Company remits the fees to the customer. As of December 31, 2002 and 2003, the amounts due to customer were \$11,087 and \$5,276, respectively.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," which requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns, but not both. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statements and tax basis of assets and liabilities using the tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. See Note 9.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure." SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair-value for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. SFAS No. 148 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2002. The interim disclosure provisions are effective for financial reports containing financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002.

At December 31, 2003, the Company has one stock option plan that is described in Note 8. In accordance with provisions of SFAS No. 123, the Company applies APB Opinion 25 and related interpretations in accounting for its stock option plan and, accordingly, does not recognize compensation cost for grants whose exercise price equals the market price of the stock on the date of grant. If the Company had elected to recognize compensation cost based on the fair value of the options granted at grant date as prescribed by SFAS No. 123, net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated in the table below:

	2001	2002	2003
Net income available to common stockholders - as reported Less:	\$ 3,101	\$ 2,725	\$ 6,449
Compensation expense (a)	1,352	1,504	1,476
Net income available to common stockholders - pro forma	\$ 1,749	\$ 1,221	\$ 4,973
Earnings per share:			
Basic earnings per share, as reported	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.13
Pro forma basic earnings per share	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.87
Diluted earnings per share, as reported	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.56	\$ 1.03
Pro forma diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.84

<sup>(</sup>a) Determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of tax.

Because the SFAS No. 123 method of accounting has not been applied to options granted prior to January 1, 1995, the resulting pro forma compensation cost may not be representative of the cost to be expected in future years.

The fair value of each option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2001	2002	2003		
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
Expected stock price volatility	62.65%	60.00%	58.57%		
Risk free interest rate	4.15%	2.95%	1.90%		
Expected life of options	4 years	4 years	4 years		

The weighted average fair value of options granted during 2001, 2002 and 2003 is \$5.75, \$6.08 and \$5.89, respectively.

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Because the company's stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, the existing models, in management's opinion, do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its stock options.

### Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Net income available to common stockholders represents reported net income less preferred stock dividend requirements.

Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue Common Stock (as defined below) were exercised or converted into Common Stock. Diluted EPS includes in-the-money options and warrants using the treasury stock method and also includes the assumed conversion of preferred stock using the if-converted method. Options and warrants to purchase 1,579,666, 2,075,066 and 1,318,666 shares of the Company's common stock ("Common Stock"), for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted EPS as they would have been anti-dilutive. For the year ended December 31, 2001, preferred stock convertible into 1,694,915 shares of Common Stock was excluded from the computation of diluted EPS as it would have been anti-dilutive. For the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003, preferred stock convertible into 1,694,915 shares of Common Stock was included in the computation of diluted EPS.

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted EPS computation for "income available to common stockholders" and other disclosures required by SFAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share":

For the years ended December 31,

		2001			2002			2003	
	Income	Shares	Per Share	Income	Shares P	er Share	Income	Shares	Per Share
	(Numerator)	(Denominator)	Amount ()	Numerator) (	Denominator) A	mount (N	umerator) (De	enominator)	Amount
Basic EPS:									
Net income available to common									
stockholders	\$ 3,101	5,996,662	\$ 0.52	\$ 2,725	5,721,790	0 \$ 0.48	\$ 6,449	5,718,548	\$ 1.13
Preferred stock dividends		'		1,500		-	1,500		
Effect of Dilutive Securities:									
Options and warrants		167,492		-	- 173,31	3		242,466	,
Restricted stock units						-		56,704	
Convertible preferred stock					1,694,91	<u>5</u>		1,694,915	
Dilutive EPS:									
Net income available to common									
stockholders and assumed conversion	<u>\$ 3,101</u>	<u>6,164,154</u>	\$ 0.50	\$ 4,225	7,590,01	<u>\$ 0.56</u>	<u>\$_7,949</u>	<u>7,712,633</u>	\$ 1.03

#### Royalties

The Company enters into agreements to license intellectual properties such as trademarks, copyrights, and patents. The agreements may call for minimum amounts of royalties to be paid in advance and throughout the term of the agreement, which are non-refundable in the event that product sales fail to meet certain minimum levels. Advance royalties resulting from such transactions are stated at the lower of the amounts paid or the amounts estimated to be recoverable from future sales of the related products. Furthermore, minimum guaranteed royalty commitments are reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure that amounts are recoverable based on estimates of future sales of the products under license. A loss provision will be recorded in the consolidated statements of operations to the extent that future minimum royalty guarantee commitments are not recoverable. Estimated future sales are projected based on historical experience, including that of similar products, and anticipated advertising and marketing support by the licensor.

#### Concentration of Risk

Burger King, accounted for approximately 66%, 65% and 58% of the Company's total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The Company regularly extend credit to distribution companies in connection with our business with Burger King, which more recently includes the newly formed Supply Chain Services, LLC ("SCS"), which is a subsidiary of Burger King's franchisee purchasing cooperative Restaurant Services, Inc ("RSI"). We began selling product to SCS in October, 2003. We anticipate that sales to SCS will reach 70% of our sales to the Burger King System by the end of 2004. Receivables from SCS are being guaranteed by RSI as required under our credit policy. Because of RSI's established credit history, the Company does not believe that this increase in concentration of receivables has negatively impacted the overall credit risk. Failure by SCS or one or more distribution companies to honor their payment obligations could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The largest such distribution company accounted for 20.8, 20.5% and 17.9% of the products purchased from us by the Burger King system for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The largest such distribution company accounted for 13.6% and 23.9% of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

The Company purchases 96% of its manufactured products from suppliers located in China. China currently enjoys "normal trade relations" ("NTR") status under US tariff laws, which provides a favorable category of US import duties. China's NTR status became permanent on January 1, 2002, following enactment of a bill authorizing such status upon China's accession to the World Trade Organization, which occurred in December 2001. This substantially reduces the possibility of China losing its NTR status, which would result in increased costs for the Company. The impact of such an event on the Company could be somewhat mitigated by the Company's ability to source product for the US market from countries other than China. However, there can be no assurance that the Company would be able to obtain manufactured products under acceptable terms.

#### Comprehensive Income

The Company computes comprehensive income pursuant to SFAS No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income". This statement establishes standards for the reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components in financial statements and thereby reports a measure of all changes in equity of an enterprise that result from transactions and other economic events other than transactions with owners. Total comprehensive income for the Company includes net income and other comprehensive income items, including unrealized gains or losses on foreign exchange forward contracts and cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments.

#### **Shipping and Handling Costs**

In accordance with the Emerging Issues Task Force Issue 00-10, "Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs," the Company classifies all amounts billed to customers related to shipping and handling as revenues. Shipping and handling costs are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 such costs totaled \$2,441, \$2,584, and \$2,312, respectively.

#### Foreign Currency Translation

Net foreign exchange gains or losses resulting from the translation of assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries whose functional currency is not the United States dollar are recognized as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity. For subsidiaries with transactions denominated in currencies other than their functional currency, net foreign exchange transaction gains or losses are included in determining net income. For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively, the net transaction gain on foreign exchange of \$(76), \$305 and \$438 were recorded in other income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In accordance with the SFAS No. 52, "Foreign Currency Translation," the financial statements of Logistix are translated into U.S. dollars as follows: assets and liabilities at year-end exchange rates; income and expenses at average exchange rates; and shareholders' equity at historical exchange rates. Since the functional currency of Logistix is the British Pound, the resulting translation adjustment is recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Translation adjustments are not tax-effected since they relate to investments which are permanent in nature.

#### **Derivative Instruments**

The Company adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," which establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and for hedging activities. SFAS No. 133 requires that an entity recognize derivatives as either assets or liabilities on the balance sheet and measure those instruments at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation.

The Company designates its derivatives based upon criteria established by SFAS No. 133. For a derivative designated as a fair value hedge, the gain or loss is recognized in earnings in the period of change together with the offsetting loss or gain on the hedged item attributed to the risk being hedged. For a derivative designated as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the derivative's gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the hedged exposure affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss is reported in earnings immediately.

The Company adopted SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" which amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The guidance should be applied prospectively.

The Company uses derivatives to manage exposures to foreign currency. The Company's objective for holding derivatives is to decrease the volatility of earnings and cash flows associated with changes in foreign currency. The Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts to minimize the short-term impact of foreign currency fluctuations on foreign currency receivables, investments, and payables. The gains and losses on the foreign exchange forward contracts offset the transaction gains and losses on the foreign currency receivables, investments, and payables recognized in earnings. The Company does not enter into foreign exchange forward contracts for trading purposes. Gains and losses on the contracts are included in other income (expense) in the consolidated statement of operations and offset foreign exchange gains or losses from the revaluation of intercompany balances or other current assets, investments, and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the reporting entity. The Company's foreign exchange forward contracts related to current assets and liabilities generally range from one to three months in original maturity.

As of December 31, 2003, the Company's Logistix subsidiary entered into foreign currency forward contracts aggregating GBP 3,296 to sell Euros in exchange for pound sterling and to sell pound sterling in exchange for United States dollars. The contracts will expire by September 2004. At December 31, 2003, the foreign currency forward contracts had an estimated fair value of \$(185). The fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts is recorded in accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. The unrealized loss on the contracts is reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income.

#### Advertising

Production costs of commercials and programming are charged to expense in the period during which the production is first aired. The costs of other advertising, promotion and marketing programs are charged to expense in the period incurred.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others" (FIN 45). FIN 45 requires that upon issuance of a guarantee, a guarantor must recognize a liability for the fair value of an obligation assumed under a guarantee. FIN 45 also requires additional disclosures by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about the obligations associated with guarantees issued. The recognition provisions of FIN 45 are effective for any guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. The disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements of interim or annual periods ending after December 15, 2002. The adoption of FIN45 did not have an impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure." SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair-value for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. SFAS No. 148 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2002. The interim disclosure provisions are effective for financial reports containing financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002. The adoption had no effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations. The Company will continue to account for its stock-based compensation plans under APB Opinion No. 25. See Note 1 in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities", which addresses the consolidation of business enterprises (variable interest entities) to which the usual condition (ownership of a majority voting interest) of consolidation does not apply. The interpretation focuses on financial interests that indicate control. It concludes that in the absence of clear control through voting interests, a company's exposure (variable interest) to the economic risks and potential rewards from the variable interest entity's assets and activities are the best evidence of control. Variable interests are rights and obligations that convey economic gains or losses from changes in the values of the variable interest entity's assets and liabilities. Variable interests may arise from financial instruments, service contracts, nonvoting ownership interests and other arrangements. If an enterprise holds a majority of the variable interests of an entity, it would be considered the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary would be required to include the assets, liabilities and the results of operations of the variable interest entity in its financial statements. In December 2003, the FASB issued a revision to FIN 46 to address certain implementation issues. The adoption of FIN 46 and FIN 46 (revised) did not have an impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The guidance should be applied prospectively. The adoption of SFAS No. 149 did not have an impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In May 2003, SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity" was issued, which requires that certain financial instruments must now be accounted for as liabilities. The financial instruments affected include mandatorily redeemable stock, certain financial instruments that require or may require the issuer to buy back some of its shares in exchange for cash or other assets and certain obligations that can be settled with shares of stock. SFAS No. 150 is effective for all financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 and were applied to our existing financial instruments effective July 1, 2003, the beginning of the first fiscal period after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 on July 1, 2003, did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements or disclosures. The Company's mandatory redeemable preferred stock does not have a fixed and determinable redemption date and, therefore, is not impacted by the adoption of SFAS No. 150.

In May 2003, the EITF issued Issue No. 00-21, "Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables". EITF Issue No. 00-21 provides guidance on how to determine when an arrangement that involves multiple revenue-generating activities or deliverables should be divided into separate units of accounting for revenue recognition purposes, and if this division is required, how the arrangement consideration should be allocated among the separate units of accounting. The guidance in this Issue is effective for revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. The Company has adopted the provisions of this Issue which had a favorable impact of approximately \$1,000, before taxes, on its results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003. Under new contractual arrangements with Burger King, creative services are a separate deliverable from manufacturing services. As a result, the Company is required to record the creative revenues when the specification and engineering package is delivered to and accepted by Burger King.

#### 2. RESTRUCTURING CHARGE

During 2002, the Company formulated and implemented a restructuring plan in connection with the UPSHOT acquisition in order to combine and streamline the operations of the Company and UPSHOT. In connection with this plan the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$178. This charge represents severance for a workforce reduction of seven employees in the Company's Los Angeles office, who were terminated, and is reflected as a restructuring charge in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. The workforce reduction included employees from the Company's marketing services division as well as other support services. The full amount of the restructuring charge was paid as of December 31, 2003.

In connection with the restructuring plan, the Company also decided to close UPSHOT's Richmond, Virginia office and eliminate certain positions at UPSHOT's Chicago, Illinois office. Additionally, in 2003 the Company finalized its exit plan with respect to vacating half of its leased space (approximately 30,000 square feet) at UPSHOT's Chicago, Illinois office. This resulted in an adjustment to the liabilities recorded and an increase to goodwill of \$1,900 for the present value of the remaining lease payments for the vacated office space in excess of the estimated sub-lease income. The liabilities assumed in connection with this restructuring plan totaled \$3,535 and are included as part of goodwill in accordance with EITF Issue No. 95-3, "Recognition of Liabilities in Connection with a Purchase Business Combination." \$1,369 of these liabilities were paid as of December 31, 2003.

In 2003, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$424 which represents severance for workforce reductions at its UPSHOT division. The UPSHOT business did not achieve the expected level of contribution this year which is primarily attributable to reduced marketing expenditures by a couple of its larger clients. In order to bring its cost structure in line with the current business volume, the Company eliminated eight positions at UPSHOT in December 2003. \$58 of the restructuring charge was paid as of December 31, 2003. This charge was partially offset by a \$190 reversal of a restructuring reserve that the Company established in 1998 relating to former consumer products licenses. This reversal is attributable to the expiration of certain contractual rights.

#### 3. IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

Refer to Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Goodwill and Other Intangibles" for discussion of goodwill impairment.

#### 4. ACQUISITIONS

On July 23, 1998 the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Contract Marketing, Inc. ("CMI"), a Massachusetts corporation, and U.S. Import and Promotions Co. ("USI"), a Florida corporation, in exchange for \$14,659, plus related transaction costs of \$429, and a commitment to pay additional cash consideration based upon the results of operations of CMI and USI during each calendar year through December 31, 2002. In August 1999, March 2000 and May 2001, \$149, \$349 and \$556 respectively, were paid to the stockholders of CMI and USI and allocated to goodwill. On December 3, 2001, the Company paid an additional \$100 to the stockholders of CMI and USI as additional cash consideration in settlement of the remaining commitment. This amount was also allocated to goodwill. As of December 31, 2001, the excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired was \$14,572 which has been recorded as goodwill and was being amortized on a straight line basis over 20 years. As of January 1, 2002, upon adoption of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," the Company recorded a non-cash transitional impairment charge in the amount of \$2,496, net of tax, to reduce USI goodwill to its fair value. (See Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Goodwill and Other Intangibles")

On July 31, 2001, the Company acquired 100% of the common stock of Logistix in exchange for 8,500 British pounds (\$12,144 as of July 31, 2001) in cash plus related transaction costs of \$1,011. As of July 31, 2001, Logistix's cash and cash equivalents totaled \$1,750. Thus, the total purchase price, net of cash acquired, was \$11,405. The acquisition was financed through the Company's existing cash reserves. The Company's potential future obligation to pay additional cash consideration based upon the results of operations of Logistix through July 31, 2004 was extinguished in connection with the settlement of a dispute regarding the calculation of certain post-closing adjustments.

The Logistix acquisition has been accounted under the purchase method of accounting. The financial statements reflect the allocation of the purchase price to the acquired net assets based on their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. During the year ended December 31, 2002, the preliminary allocation of the purchase price was adjusted to revise the estimated value of the deferred tax liabilities and certain accrued liabilities. These adjustments resulted in a net reduction to goodwill of \$94. The Company's allocation of purchase price for the acquisition, based upon estimated fair values is as follows:

Net current assets	\$ 6,280
Property, plant and equipment	430
Other non-current assets	11
Net current liabilities	(6,246)
Non-current liabilities	(285)
Estimated fair value, net assets acquired	190
Goodwill	12,083
Other intangible assets	882
Total purchase price	\$ 13,155

The above amounts are reported using the exchange rate in effect as of July 31, 2001. \$522 of the \$882 of acquired intangible assets was assigned to the Logistix trademark, which is not subject to amortization. The remaining \$360 of intangible assets were amortized over estimated useful lives ranging from 0.4 to 3 years. Intangible assets associated with the Logistix acquisition are accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Goodwill has an indefinite life and is not amortized.

On July 17, 2002, the Company consummated the acquisition of UPSHOT, a marketing agency with expertise in promotion, event, collaborative and environmental marketing. The Company financed the acquisition through its existing cash reserves. The acquisition was consummated pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated May 22, 2002, by and among the Company, Promotional Marketing, LLC ("Promotional Marketing") and HA-LO Industries, Inc. ("HA-LO") (the "Purchase Agreement"). Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Company acquired the principal assets of Promotional Marketing (consisting of the principal assets used in connection with the operation of the UPSHOT business) for \$9,206 in cash plus related transaction costs of \$685. The Company assumed the principal current liabilities of the UPSHOT business in connection with the acquisition. HA-LO, which is the parent company of Promotional Marketing, is currently in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, and the Company's acquisition of the UPSHOT business was approved by the United States bankruptcy court.

The UPSHOT acquisition has been accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. The financial statements reflect the allocation of the purchase price to the acquired net assets based on their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. During 2003, the preliminary allocation of the purchase price was adjusted to revise the estimated value of prepaid expenses (\$72 increase), deferred tax assets (\$1,852 increase), accrued liabilities (\$168 decrease) and non-current liabilities (\$4,874 increase). These adjustments resulted in a net increase to goodwill of \$2,782. The adjustments to increase non-current liabilities are attributable to a final determination of an unfavorable lease liability for UPSHOT's Chicago, Illinois office totaling \$2,975 and to an adjustment totaling \$1,900 due to the finalization of an exit plan (see Note 2 – Restructuring Charge) both of which were contemplated as of the close of the transaction. The unfavorable lease liability reflects the present value of the lease payments in excess of market for the remaining term of the Chicago office lease. The increase in deferred tax assets reflects the tax benefit associated with the increase in non-current liabilities. Subsequent to these adjustments, the Company's allocation of purchase price for the acquisition, based upon estimated fair values is as follows:

Net current assets	\$ 7,029
Property, plant and equipment	700
Other non-current assets	1
Net current liabilities	(7,783)
Non-current liabilities	(4,874)
Estimated fair value, net liabilities assumed	(4,927)
Goodwill	14,631
Other intangible assets	187
Total purchase price	\$ 9,891

The intangible assets of \$187 are comprised of customer contracts and related customer relationships and sales order backlog, and are being amortized over estimated useful lives ranging from 6 to 12 months. Intangible assets associated with the UPSHOT acquisition are accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Goodwill has an indefinite life and is not amortized.

In connection with the UPSHOT acquisition, the Company formulated and implemented an integration plan and incurred integration costs, including travel, training and consulting costs. Such costs totaled \$453 and were recorded as integration costs in the consolidated statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002.

On September 3, 2003, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of SCI, a privately held promotional marketing services company based in Ontario, California. The Company financed the acquisition through its existing cash reserves. The acquisition was consummated pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated September 3, 2003, by and among the Company, SCI and Joseph J. Schmidt, III (the "Purchase Agreement"). Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of SCI for a cash purchase price of approximately \$5,900 (before closing balance sheet working capital adjustment), plus additional earnout consideration of up to \$3,500 based upon future performance of the acquired business. Net of a holdback of \$250, the Company paid \$5,683 in cash plus related transaction costs of \$538. The Company also assumed the operating liabilities of the business in connection with the acquisition. The earnout consideration is based upon the business achieving targeted levels of earning before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") over the period from 2003 through 2006. The earnout payments, if required, are payable 50% in cash and 50% in shares of the Company's common stock. The additional consideration, if any, will be recorded as goodwill.

The SCI acquisition has been accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. The financial statements reflect the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to the acquired net assets based on their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. The Company is in the process of finalizing valuations of the individual assets and liabilities which would result in an adjustment to goodwill and other intangibles. The allocation of the purchase price may change based upon these valuations. However, the Company does not expect significant changes to the preliminary allocation of the purchase price. The allocation reflects a receivable from SCI resulting from a closing balance sheet working capital adjustment of \$855, accruing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, that will offset additional earnout consideration. This receivable is recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. The Company's preliminary allocation of purchase price for the acquisition, based upon estimated fair values is as follows:

Net current assets	\$ 6,437
Receivable from SCI	855
Property, plant and equipment	37
Other non-current assets	13
Net current liabilities	(5,742)
Estimated fair value, net assets acquired	1,600
Goodwill	3,909
Other intangible assets	728
Total purchase price	\$ 6.237

The intangible assets of \$728 are comprised of customer contracts and related customer relationships and sales order backlog, and are being amortized over estimated useful lives ranging from 4 months to 5 years. Intangible assets associated with the SCI acquisition are accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Goodwill has an indefinite life and is not amortized.

SCI was formed in June 2002 when SCI's management purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of SCI's predecessor business from Aspen Marketing, Inc. (a privately held promotions company). In conjunction with this acquisition, SCI's management implemented a number of significant structural changes in the business and ascribed different underlying basis to SCI's assets and liabilities than previously ascribed by Aspen Marketing, Inc. As a result of the acquisition and the changes in the business, the Company's management believes that the financial information for SCI for the first half of 2002 is not meaningful or relevant. The proforma information shown below for 2002 excludes the impact of the SCI acquisition. The following selected unaudited proforma consolidated results of operations are presented as if the UPSHOT acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of 2001 and as if the SCI acquisition had occurred at the beginning of 2003 after giving effect to certain adjustments for the amortization of intangibles, reduced interest income and related income tax effects.

The pro forma data is for informational purposes only and does not necessarily reflect the results of operations had the businesses operated as one during the period. No effect has been given for synergies, if any, that may have been realized through the acquisitions.

	Years Ended December 31,				<u>1,                                    </u>
	2001		2002		2003
Pro forma revenues	\$ 186,061	\$	220,509	\$	235,735
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ (4,492)	\$	2,960	\$	8,109
Pro forma basic income (loss) per share	\$ (1.00)	\$	0.26	\$	1.16
Pro forma diluted income (loss) per share	\$ (1.00)	\$	0.25	\$	1.05
Pro forma basic weighted average					
shares outstanding	5,996,662	5	5,721,790		5,718,548
Pro forma diluted weighted average					
shares outstanding	5,996,662	4	5,895,103		7,712,633

The pro forma net loss shown above for the year ended December 31, 2001 was primarily attributable to UPSHOT. UPSHOT's overhead structure for 2001 was intended to support higher revenue levels that did not materialize. Thus, operating expenses were high relative to revenues. UPSHOT's operating expenses in 2001 also included an asset impairment charge for the write down of fixed assets as well as severance expense for workforce reductions. Subsequent to the Company's acquisition of UPSHOT in 2002, UPSHOT's operating expenses were reduced significantly to bring them in line with current revenue levels. See Note 2, "Restructuring Charge."

Refer to Note 1 for further discussion of the method of computation of earnings per share.

#### 5. FIXED ASSETS, NET

Fixed assets, net is summarized as follows:

	December 31,		
	2002	2003	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 3,429	\$ 3,462	
Computer software	3,513	3,979	
Computer hardware	4,093	4,546	
Leasehold improvements	1,464	1,744	
Fixed assets, at cost	12,499	13,731	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(8,314)	(9,922)	
Fixed assets, net	\$ 4,185	\$ 3,809	

For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, depreciation expense related to fixed assets was \$1,533, \$1,597 and \$1,636, respectively.

#### 6. LINE OF CREDIT

On April 24, 2001, the Company signed a credit facility (the "Facility") with Bank of America. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets and provides for a line of credit of up to \$35,000 for three years from the date of closing with borrowing availability determined by a formula based on qualified assets. Interest on outstanding borrowings will be based on either a fixed rate equivalent to LIBOR plus an applicable spread of between 1.50 and 2.25 percent or a variable rate equivalent to the bank's reference rate plus an applicable spread of between zero and 0.50 percent. The Company is also required to pay an unused line fee of between zero and 0.60 percent per annum and certain letter of credit fees. The applicable spread is based on the achievement of certain financial ratios. The Facility also requires the Company to comply with certain restrictions and covenants as amended from time to time. On November 14, 2001, February 8, 2002, September 30, 2002 and November 14, 2003 certain covenants under the facility were amended. As of December 31, 2003, the Company was in compliance with the amended restrictions and covenants. The Facility may be used for working capital and acquisition financing purposes. As of December 31, 2003, there were no amounts outstanding under the Facility.

As of December 31, 2002 and 2003, the marginal interest rate on available borrowings under the respective credit agreements was 2.9% and 4.0%, respectively. Letters of credit outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 totaled \$823 and \$1,829, respectively.

In addition to the Facility, in October, 2003 the Company's Logistix subsidiary established an import/letter of credit facility with Hong Kong Shanghai Bank Corp. ("HSBC") to provide short-term financing of product purchases from Asia. The total availability under this facility is 1,000 GBP. Under this facility HSBC may pay Logistix's vendors directly upon receipt of invoices and shipping documentation. Logistix in turn is obligated to repay HSBC within 120 days. Advances outstanding under this facility totaled approximately \$626 as of December 31, 2003 and are recorded in accounts payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

#### 7. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Company has a 401(k) Tax Deferred Savings Plan (the "401(k) Plan"), which became effective on January 1, 1992. The 401(k) Plan covers substantially all of its eligible employees, as defined under the 401(k) Plan. The Company makes annual contributions to the 401(k) Plan consisting of a discretionary matching contribution equal to a determined percentage of the employee's contribution. Costs related to contributions to the 401(k) Plan for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, and 2003 were \$241, \$303 and \$522, respectively.

#### 8. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### Stock Options

The Company currently has one stock option plan; the Equity Marketing, Inc. 2000 Stock Option Plan (the "2000 Employee Plan"). A total of 1.5 million shares of Common Stock are reserved for issuance pursuant to options granted and to be granted under the 2003 Employee Plan. 525,775 shares are available for grant under the 2000 Employee Plan as of December 31, 2003. Options pursuant to the 2000 Employee Plan typically vest over three to five years and expire ten years from the date of grant. The 2000 Employee Plan expires in 2010.

The 2000 Employee Plan provide for option grants at exercise prices not less than the fair market value on the date of grant in the case of qualified incentive stock options, and not less than par value in the case of non-qualified options.

Under the terms of the 2000 Employee Plan, the Company may issue awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate. See "Restricted Stock" below.

The Company previously had a 1996 Stock Option Plan, which expired in 2001, and a Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, which expired in 2003 (together with the 2000 Employee Plan, collectively the "Option Plans").

Transactions involving the Option Plans are summarized as follows:

				<u>Exercisable</u>	at End of Year
			Weighted		Weighted
		Restricted	Average		Average
	Options	Stock	Exercise Price	Number	Exercise Price
	Outstanding	<u>Outstanding</u>	Per Share	<u>Exercisable</u>	Shares
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	1,664,820		\$ 11.11	716,155	\$ 11.63
Granted	645,400		11.56		
Exercised	(236,607)		5.35		
Canceled	(114,835)		11.15		
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	1,958,778		11.96	674,909	\$ 13.83
Granted	507,000	50,000	12.92		
Exercised	(88,525)	'	9.48		
Canceled	(142,875)		11.14		
Outstanding at December 31, 2002	2,234,378	50,000	12.34	911,743	\$ 13.40
Granted	120,000	78,750	13.48		
Exercised	(111,050)		8.42		
Canceled	(80,800)	(4,300)	13.48		
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	2,162,528	124,450	\$ 12.74	1,092,576	\$ 13.29

The following table summarizes information about the Company's stock options and restricted stock outstanding and exercisable as of December 31, 2003:

	OPTIONS AN	D RESTRICTED		OPTIONS AN	D RESTRICTED
	STOCK OU	TSTANDING		STOCK EX	KERCISABLE
		WEIGHTED			
		AVERAGE	WEIGHTED		WEIGHTED
RANGE OF	NUMBER	REMAINING	AVERAGE	NUMBER	AVERAGE
 EXERCISE PRICES	OUTSTANDING	CONTRACTUAL LIFE	EXERCISE PRICE	EXERCISABLE	EXERCISE PRICE
\$ 0.00 - \$ 9.94	681,541	5.48	\$ 7.38	242,291	\$ 7.33
\$10.00 - \$12.10	610,937	7.34	\$ 11.30	298,685	\$ 11.23
\$12.25 - \$13.39	572,500	7.80	\$ 12.96	261,600	\$ 12.80
 \$13.88 - \$28.13	422,000	5.72	\$ 19.44	290,000	\$ 20.84
	2 286 978	6.60	\$ 12.05	1 092 576	\$ 13.29

#### Warrants

On March 29, 2000 and June 20, 2000, the Company granted Crown 15,000 warrants to purchase additional shares of preferred stock. (see "Preferred Stock").

#### Preferred Stock

The Company has authorized 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Preferred Stock"). The Board of Directors is empowered to issue Preferred Stock from time to time in one or more series, without stockholder approval, and to determine the rights, preferences and restrictions, including dividend, conversion, voting, redemption (including sinking fund provisions), and other rights, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any series and the designations of such series.

On March 29, 2000, Crown EMAK Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Crown"), invested \$11,900 in the Company in exchange for preferred stock and warrants to purchase additional preferred stock. Under the terms of the investment, Crown acquired 11,900 shares of Series A mandatory redeemable senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, of the Company (the "Series A Stock") with a conversion price of \$14.75 per share. In connection with such purchase, the Company granted to Crown five year warrants (collectively, the "Warrants") to purchase 5,712 shares of Series B senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, of the Company (the "Series B Stock") at an exercise price of \$1,000 per share, and 1,428 shares of Series C senior cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, of the Company (the "Series C Stock") at an exercise price of \$1,000 per share. The Warrants were immediately exercisable. The conversion prices of the Series B Stock and the Series C Stock was \$16.00 and \$18.00 per share, respectively. On June 20, 2000, Crown paid an additional \$13,100 to the Company in exchange for an additional 13,100 shares of Series A Stock with a conversion price of \$14.75 per share. In connection with such purchase, the Company granted to Crown additional Warrants to purchase another 6,288 shares of Series B Stock and another 1,572 shares of Series C Stock. Each share of Series A Stock is convertible into 67.7966 shares of Common Stock, representing 1,694,915 shares of Common Stock in aggregate. Each share of Series B Stock and Series C Stock is convertible into 62.5 and 55.5556 shares of Common Stock, respectively, representing 916,666 shares of Common Stock in aggregate. Also in connection with such purchase, the Company agreed to pay Crown a commitment fee in the aggregate amount of \$1,250, paid in equal quarterly installments of \$62.5 commencing on June 30, 2000 and ending on March 31, 2005. The Company paid \$250 in fees for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the affairs of the Company, Crown, as holder of the Series A Stock, will be entitled to payment out of the assets of the Company available for distribution of an amount equal to the greater of (a) the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share (the "Liquidation Preference") plus all accrued and unpaid dividends or (b) the aggregate amount of payment that the outstanding preferred stockholder would have received assuming conversion to Common Stock immediately prior to the date of liquidation of capital stock, before any payment is made to other stockholders.

The Series A Stock is subject to mandatory redemption at the option of the holder at 101% of the aggregate Liquidation Preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends if a change in control of the Company occurs.

Crown has voting rights equivalent to the number of shares of Common Stock into which their Series A Stock is convertible on the relevant record date. Crown is also entitled to receive a quarterly dividend equal to 6% of the Liquidation Preference per share outstanding, payable in cash. Total dividends for the year ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$1,500, of which \$375 was paid in January 2004 and recorded in accounts payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003.

Crown currently holds 100% of the outstanding shares of Series A Stock, and consequently, has designated one individual to the Board of Directors of the Company. Crown currently has the right to designate two additional directors.

The Series A Stock is recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at its Liquidation Preference net of issuance costs. The issuance costs totaled approximately \$1,951 and included an accrual of approximately \$1,000 for the present value of the commitment fee discussed above.

#### Stock Repurchase

On July 21, 2000, the Company's Board of Directors authorized up to \$10,000 for the repurchase of the Company's common stock over a twelve month period. In the period from July 21, 2000 to July 21, 2001, the Company spent \$6,430 to purchase an aggregate of 523,594 shares at an average price of \$12.28 per share including commissions. On July 24, 2001, the Company's Board of Directors authorized up to an additional \$10,000 for the repurchase of the Company's common stock over a twelve month period. In the period from August 2, 2001 through July 11, 2002, the Company spent \$5,605 to purchase 454,715 shares at an average price of \$12.33 per share including commissions. On July 12, 2002, the Company's Board of Directors authorized up to an additional \$10,000 for the repurchase of the Company's common stock. The Company spent \$3,294 to repurchase 251,100 shares at an average price of \$13.12 per share including commissions under this authorization through December 31, 2003. The duration of the current buyback program is indefinite; provided, however, that the Company's Board of Directors intends to review the program quarterly. Purchases are conducted in the open market at prevailing prices, based on market conditions when the Company is not in a quiet period. The Company may also transact purchases effected as block trades, as well as certain negotiated, off-exchange purchases not in the open market. Since initiating the overall buyback program on July 20, 2000, the Company has spent \$15,329 to purchase a total of 1,229,409 shares at an average price of \$12.47 per share including commissions through December 31, 2003. This repurchase program is being funded through working capital.

#### **Restricted Stock**

The Company has reserved 100,000 shares of common stock for issuance under the 1995 Stock Award Plan, (the "Plan"), which covers certain key salaried employees who are not officers or directors of the Company. For the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003, no shares were issued or canceled under the Plan. The shares are subject to restrictions, which lapse over a three to five year period and continued employment with the Company. Unearned compensation was charged for the market value of the restricted shares as these shares were issued in accordance with the Plan. A total of 97,487 shares have been issued under the Plan between 1995 and 1998. At December 31, 2003, 69,690 shares were available for issuance under the Plan.

As discussed above, under terms of the 2000 Employee Plan, the Company may issue awards of restricted stock upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate subject to approval by the board of directors. For the year ended December 31, 2002, 50,000 shares with an aggregate value on the date of grant of \$658 were issued under the plan. Unearned compensation was charged for the market value of these restricted shares. The shares are subject to restrictions, which lapse over a five year period and continued employment with the Company.

The unearned compensation is shown as a reduction of stockholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and is being amortized ratably over the restricted period. Compensation charged to expense was \$33, \$80 and \$177 in 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

During the first quarter of 2003, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 2000 Employee Plan to permit the grant of restricted stock units in addition to stock options, restricted stock grants and stock bonuses previously provided for under the 2000 Employee Plan. Effective April 1, 2003, a total of 74,650 restricted stock units with an aggregate market value as of the grant date of \$971 were granted to employees under the 2000 Employee Plan. In September 2003, a total of 3,500 restricted stock units with an aggregate market value as of the grant date of \$51 were granted to SCI employees under the 2000 Employee Plan. Unearned compensation was charged upon grant for the market value of these restricted stock units. The units vest over a four year period subject to continued employment with the Company. Compensation expense attributable to these units was \$186 for 2003. The underlying shares of common stock are issuable on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant; provided, however, that shares underlying vested restricted stock units are issuable earlier upon termination of employment, disability or hardship.

#### 9. INCOME TAXES

In accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," deferred income taxes reflect the impact of temporary differences between values recorded for assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the values utilized for measurement in accordance with current tax laws.

The provision for income taxes consist of:

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	
CURRENT:				
Federal	\$ 539	\$ 2,163	\$ 2,202	
State and local	184	342	16	
Foreign	692	_822_	1,166	
	1,415	3,327	3,384	
DEFERRED:				
Federal	982	485	980	
State and Local	112	73	157	
Foreign	8	(99)	(418)	
	1,102	459	719	
	\$ 2,517	\$ 3,786	\$ 4,103	

Income taxes recorded by the Company differ from the amounts computed by applying the statutory United States Federal income tax rate to income before income taxes. The following schedule reconciles income tax expense at the statutory rate and the actual income tax expense as reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	
Tax at the Federal statutory rate	\$ 2,449	\$ 3,614	\$ 4,146	
State income taxes, net of the Federal tax benefit	240	141	(5)	
Other	(172)	31	(38)	
	\$ 2,517	\$ 3.786	\$ 4,103	

Other reflects the effects of permanent differences such as amortization of goodwill in 2001, tax free municipal interest income earned in 2001, 2002 and 2003, and the impact of foreign earnings which are taxed at different rates. The effective rate decreased in 2003 to 34.0% of pre-tax income from 36.0% in 2002. The decrease in the effective rate is primarily the result of revised estimates of state income tax apportionment factors and an increase in the relative mix of earnings being generated internationally in countries that have more favorable tax rates.

The tax effects of the significant temporary differences giving rise to the Company's deferred tax assets (liabilities) for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003 are as follows:

	2002	2003	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 752	\$	811
Inventory reserve	500		43
Accrued expenses	971		663
Other	815		786
Total current	3,038		2,303
Goodwill and other intangibles	511		518
Fixed assets	7		69
Long term liabilities			1,979
Other	66		267
Total non-current	584		2,833
Total	\$ 3,622	\$	5,136

A deferred U.S. tax liability has not been provided on the unremitted earnings of Logistix because it is the intent of the Company to permanently reinvest these earnings. Undistributed pre-tax earnings of Logistix, which have been or are intended to be permanently invested in accordance with APB No. 23, "Accounting for Income Taxes – Special Areas," aggregated \$2,222 and \$4,713 at December 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The determination of the tax liability upon repatriation is not practicable.

#### 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Operating Leases**

The Company has operating leases for its properties and equipment, which expire at various dates through 2014.

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases are as follows:

Year	
2004	\$ 3,954
2005	3,942
2006	3,913
2007	3,882
2008	3,518
Thereafter	5,791
Total	\$ 25,000

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, the Company signed a new lease agreement for the Paris office. The new lease agreement expires December 31, 2013 and provides for minimum annual payment of \$96.

Aggregate rental expenses for operating leases were \$1,783, \$2,608 and \$3,529 for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

#### **Guaranteed Royalties**

For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, and 2003, the Company incurred \$3,691, \$4,680 and \$4,278, respectively, in royalty expense. License agreements for certain copyrights and trademarks require minimum guaranteed royalty payments over the respective terms of the licenses. As of December 31, 2003, the Company has committed to pay total minimum guaranteed royalties as follows:

<u>Year</u>		
2004	\$ 1	,070
2005	2	2,020
2006		220
2007		330
Total	\$ 3	,640

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, the Company renewed its license agreement for Scooby-Doo™ with Warner Bros. The new license agreement expires December 31, 2007 and provides for guaranteed royalties in excess of \$8,000 over the term. The guaranteed royalties are reflected in the table above.

### **Employment Agreement**

The Company has employment agreements with key executives. Guaranteed compensation under these agreements are as follows:

Year		
2004	\$ 1,492	2
2005	\$ 1,492 265	;
Total	\$ 1,757	7

#### **Legal Proceedings**

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings generally incidental to its business. While the result of any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, management presently believes that the outcome of any other known, pending or threatened legal proceeding or claim, individually or combined, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### 11. INDUSTRY SEGMENTS, GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND MAJOR CUSTOMERS

The Company's revenues are highly dependent on obtaining major contracts from a limited number of customers. Approximately 66%, 65% and 58% of the Company's consolidated revenues for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively, were from one customer in the marketing services segment.

Effective January 1, 1998, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." The Company has identified two reportable segments through which it conducts its continuing operations: marketing services and consumer products. The factors for determining the reportable segments were based on the distinct nature of their operations. They are managed as separate business units because each requires and is responsible for executing a unique business strategy. The marketing services segment designs and produces promotional products used as free premiums or sold in conjunction with the purchase of other items at a retailer or quick service restaurant and provides various services such as strategic planning and research, entertainment marketing, promotion, event marketing, collaborative marketing, retail design, and environmental branding. Marketing services programs are used for marketing purposes by both the companies sponsoring the promotions and the licensors of the entertainment properties on which the promotional programs are often based. The consumer products segment designs and contracts for the manufacture of toys and other consumer products for sale to major mass market and specialty retailers, who in turn sell the products to consumers.

Earnings of industry segments and geographic areas exclude interest income, interest expense, depreciation expense, asset impairment charges, restructuring gains, integration costs, and other unallocated corporate expenses. Income taxes are allocated to segments on the basis of operating results. Identified assets are those assets used in the operations of the segments and include inventory, receivables, goodwill and other intangibles. Corporate assets consist of cash, certain corporate receivables, fixed assets, and certain trademarks.

Certain information presented in the tables below has been reclassified to conform to the current management structure as of January 1, 2003. Specifically, the results and assets of the USI division, which had previously been reported as part of Marketing Services, are now being reported as part of Consumer Products, which is consistent with management responsibility for this business. The majority of the revenues for the USI division represent sales of made-to-order custom product to Oil & Gas and other retailers who in turn sell the products to consumers. As a result of the similarities between the USI business and the Consumer Products business, the USI division was merged into the Consumer Products division in connection with the Company's restructuring in 2002 (see Note 2).

# **Industry Segments**

	As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2001							
			C	onsumer				
	<u>Mar</u>	keting Services	]	<b>Products</b>		Corporate	Total	
Total revenues	\$_	104,335	\$	39,981	\$		<u>\$144,316</u>	
Income (loss) before provision (benefit)								
for income taxes	\$	18,175	\$	3,275	\$	(14,332)	\$ 7,118	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		6,431		1,158		(5,072)	2,517	
Net income (loss)		11,744	\$	2,117	\$	(9,260)	\$ 4,601	
Fixed asset additions, net	\$		\$		\$	1,041	\$ <u>1.041</u>	
Depreciation and amortization	\$	98	_\$	782	\$	1,597	\$ 2,477	
Total assets	\$	40,465	_\$_	19,189	\$	39,833	\$ 99,487	

# As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

\$	1/0/50					
	108,039		38,173	\$_		\$206,832
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\$	•	25	,	\$		,
	9,532		612		(6,358)	<u>3,786</u>
3						
	17,072		1,291		(11,642)	6,721
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			2,496			2,496
\$	17.072	\$	(1.205)	\$	(11,642)	\$ 4,225
\$		\$		\$	982	\$ 982
\$	210	\$	66	\$	1,555	\$ 1,831
\$	52,212	\$	14,984	\$	66,058	\$133,254
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# As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Marketing Services	Consumer Products	Corporate Tot
Total revenues	\$ 183,687	\$ 35,426	\$ \$219,1
Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes Provision (benefit) for income taxes	\$ 25,774 9,001	\$ 5,343 1,874	\$ (19,065) \$ 12,05 (6,772) 4,10
Net income (loss)	\$ 16,773	\$ 3,469	\$ (12,293) \$ 7,94
Fixed asset additions	\$	\$	\$ 1.150 \$ 1.15
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 174	\$ 128	\$ 1,644 \$ 1.94
Total assets	\$ 76,237	\$ 18,748	\$ 33,345 \$128,33

Information about the Company's operations by geographical area is as follows:

	As of and For the Years Ended December 3					
		2001		2002		2003
Revenues:						
United States	\$	117,595	\$	160,364	\$	171,819
<u>International</u>		26,721		46,468		47,294
Total revenues	\$	144,316	\$	206,832	\$	219,113
Income from operations:						
United States	\$	4,997	\$	7,553	\$	8,195
International		751		2,571		3,468
Total income from operations	\$	5,748	\$	10,124	\$	11,663
Fixed assets, net:						
United States	\$	3,700	\$	3,747	\$	3,244
International		478		438		565
Total fixed assets	\$	4,178	\$	4,185	\$	3,809

#### 12. Related Party Transactions

On July 15, 2003, the Company entered into an agreement with U.S. Capital Investors, Inc. ("USCI"), an entity controlled by Jeffrey S. Deutschman, pursuant to which USCI will serve as an advisor to the Company with respect to potential mergers and acquisitions through December 31, 2003. Mr. Deutschman currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Company as the representative of the holder of the Company's Series A Preferred Stock. The Company's agreement with USCI provides for the payment of a discretionary success fee for completed acquisition transactions in an amount determined by an independent committee of the Board in accordance with certain guidelines and criteria. The guidelines for fees payable upon successful completion of an acquisition transaction are \$200 for up to \$10,000 of consideration, 1.5% of consideration from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and 1% of consideration over \$25,000; provided, however, that the success fee for the first transaction under the agreement has an initial fee guideline of \$275 for up to \$10,000 of consideration. Notwithstanding the guidelines, the independent committee has absolute discretion in determining the amount, if any, of the success fee for any transaction. The USCI agreement provides for the payment of a refundable advance against success fees in the aggregate amount of \$275. The USCI agreement was approved by the Board and consented to by the holder of the Series A Preferred Stock. The Company believes that this agreement has enhanced its ability to analyze and close merger and acquisition transactions in a manner that is more cost effective than traditional outside advisory firms. In connection with the acquisition of SCI (see Note 4), USCI earned a success fee of \$275. This success fee is recorded as a transaction cost of the SCI acquisition. The Company is currently in discussions with USCI to continue the advisory related services through 2004 which may or may not be on the same terms.

# 13. SUMMARIZED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended							
	]	March 31		June 30	Septe	mber 30	Dece	mber 31
2002								
Revenues	\$	36,115	\$	47,151	\$	53,119	\$	70,447
Income from operations	\$	857	\$	898	\$	3,152	\$	5,217
Net income available to						,		•
common stockholders	\$	(2,201)	\$	170	\$	1,756	\$	3,000
Basic income per share:		,				,		
Income per share	\$	(0.39)	\$	0.03	\$	0.31	\$	0.52
Weighted average shares								
outstanding	5	,708,343	5,	695,293	5	,740,001	5,	,743,525
Diluted income per share:								
Income per share	\$	(0.37)	\$	0.03	\$	0.28	\$	0.45
Weighted average shares								
outstanding	5	,884,044 5,928,828		,928,828	7,582,285		7,554,530	
ч.	Three Months Ended							
		March 31		June 30		mber 30	Dece	mber 31
2003								
Revenues	\$	47,567	\$	56,953	\$	48,948	\$	65,645
Income from operations	\$	1,394	\$	3,165	\$	1,748	\$	5,356
Net income available to		,	•	,	,	-,	•	. ,
common stockholders	\$	603	\$	1,765	\$	952	\$	3,129
Basic income per share:								
Income per share	\$	0.11	\$	0.31	\$	0.17	\$	0.55
Weighted average shares								
outstanding	5	,708,279	5	,700,016	. 5	,750,736	5,	,715,160
Diluted income per share:								
Income per share	\$	0.10	\$	0.28	\$	0.15	\$	0.45
Weighted average shares								
•								
outstanding	5	,882,609	7,	,752,716	6	,160,484	7,	,713,519

#### 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (UNAUDITED)

On February 2, 2004 (effective January 31, 2004), the Company consummated the acquisition of the assets of the promotional agency business of Johnson Grossfield, Inc., a Minnesota corporation ("JGI"). Founded in 1987, JGI's promotional business is principally focused on providing custom licensed premiums for the kids marketing program of Subway Restaurants. JGI provides approximately 50% of the creative and sourcing requirements for Subway's kids premium programs, and handles 100% of Subway's logistics and fulfillment needs for these programs. JGI has worked with Subway for 12 years and has built strong relationships with the franchise organization.

The acquisition was consummated pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated January 16, 2004, by and among the Company, Johnson Grossfield, Inc., a Delaware corporation wholly owned by the Company, JGI, Marc Grossfield and Thom Johnson (the "Purchase Agreement"). Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Company purchased the assets of JGI's promotional agency business for approximately \$4,600 in cash and 35,785 shares of the Company's common stock (which, based upon the January 30, 2004 closing price of \$14.80, had a value of \$530), plus additional earnout consideration of up to \$4,500 based upon future performance of the acquired business. The Company also assumed the operating liabilities of the promotional agency business in connection with the acquisition. The earnout consideration is based upon the business achieving targeted levels of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") over the period from 2004 through 2008. The earnout payments, if required, are payable 50% in cash and 50% in shares of our common stock. In connection with the acquisition of JGI, USCI earned a success fee of \$125. This success fee will be recorded as a transaction cost of the JGI acquisition.

On March 19, 2004, the Company entered into a Warrant Exchange Agreement with Crown whereby Crown received new warrants to purchase an aggregate of 916,666 shares of Common Stock ("New Warrants") in exchange for cancellation of the existing Warrants to purchase shares of Series B Stock and Series C Stock (which, upon issuance, would be convertible into 916,666 shares of Common Stock) (see Note 8). The existing Warrants of Series B Stock and Series C Stock would have expired in 2005. The New Warrants consist of warrants to purchase 750,000 shares and 166,666 shares of Common Stock at exercise prices of \$16.00 and \$18.00 per share, respectively. Of each tranch, 47.6% expire on March 29, 2010 and 52.4% expire on June 20, 2010. As a result of the exchange transaction, Crown received an extension of time in which to exercise its right to purchase additional equity in the Company, and the Company obtained an elimination of the preferred rights and preferences associated with the now eliminated Series B Stock and Series C Stock. In determining that the warrant exchange transaction was fair, from a financial point of view, the Company's Board of Directors considered, among other things, a fairness opinion issued by an independent financial advisory services firm.

Effective January 1, 2004, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Kim Thomsen, the Company's President and Chief Creative Officer. The employment agreement provides for: (i) her continued service to the Company through December 31, 2007 (subject to her option to become a part-time consultant during the last two years of the term), (ii) a long-term deferred compensation arrangement in the form of a pension annuity which vests over four years and provides for annual payments of \$200 to Ms. Thomsen commencing in 2008 and ending in 2017, and (iii) the current surrender by Ms. Thomsen of 200,000 options at an exercise price of \$9.94 per share which fully vest on March 3, 2005 in exchange for 100,000 options at an exercise price of 19.94 per share which fully vest on March 3, 2005.

# ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

#### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2003. Based on the evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act, during the quarter ended December 31, 2003, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART III

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

Information regarding our Executive Officers required by Item 10 of Part III is set forth in Item 1 of Part I "Business—Executive Officers." Information required by Item 10 of Part III regarding our Directors appears under the caption "ELECTION OF DIRECTORS" in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and is incorporated herein by reference. Information relating to our Policy on Business Conduct and to our compliance with Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act is also set forth in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information relating to this item appears under the captions "ELECTION OF DIRECTORS", "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND RELATED MATTERS" and "REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION" in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Information relating to this item appears under the caption "SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS" in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Information relating to this item appears under the caption "ELECTION OF DIRECTORS" in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Information relating to this item appears under the caption "PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES" in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is incorporated herein by reference.

## **PART IV**

# ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

Inc., dated September 30, 2002. (10)

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### Executive Compensation Plans and Arrangements of the Company

- 10.9 Form of Director's and Officer's Indemnification Agreement.\*
- 10.10 Equity Marketing, Inc. Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan. (3)
- 10.11 Equity Marketing Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. (2)
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- 32.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer dated March 30, 2004 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 32.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer dated March 30, 2004 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- (1) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (4) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 16, 1999, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 11, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (7) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (8) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 16, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (9) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 18, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (10) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (11) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (12) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (13) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Filed herewith

## (b) Reports on Form 8-K

Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2003 (Items 7 and 9). Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2003 (Items 7 and 9). Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2003 (Items 7 and 9). Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 29, 2003 (Items 7 and 12). Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 18, 2003 (Items 2 and 7). Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2003 (Items 7 and 12). Report on Form 8-K/ A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 12, 2003 (Items 7).

(c) Exhibits Required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K

See Item 3. above.

(d) Financial Statement Schedule

See Item 2. above.

#### **SIGNATURES**

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, THE REGISTRANT HAS DULY CAUSED THIS REPORT TO BE SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREUNTO DULY AUTHORIZED, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON THE  $30^{\rm TH}$  Day of March, 2004.

EQUITY MARKETING, INC.

By: /s/ Donald A. Kurz

Donald A. Kurz

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

#### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

We, the undersigned directors and officers of Equity Marketing, Inc. do hereby severally constitute and appoint Donald A. Kurz, Teresa L. Tormey and Zohar Ziv, and each of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or any of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable said corporation to comply with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in connection with this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us, in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments hereto; and we do each hereby ratify and confirm all said attorneys and agents, or any one of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Donald A. Kurz Donald A. Kurz	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 30, 2004
/s/ Zohar Ziv Zohar Ziv	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 30, 2004
/s/ Howard D. Bland Howard D. Bland	Director	March 30, 2004
/s/ Sanford R. Climan Sanford R. Climan	Director	March 30, 2004
/s/ Jeffrey S. Deutschman Jeffrey S. Deutschman	Director	March 30, 2004
/s/ Jonathan D. Kaufelt Jonathan D. Kaufelt	Director	March 30, 2004
/s/ Alfred E. Osborne, Jr. Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.	Director	March 30, 2004
/s/ Bruce Raben Bruce Raben	Director	March 30, 2004
/s/ Stephen P. Robeck Stephen P. Robeck	Director	March 30, 2004

# Report of Independent Auditors on Financial Statement Schedules

To the Board of Directors of Equity Marketing, Inc.:

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements referred to in our report dated February 20, 2004 appearing in the 2003 Annual Report to Shareholders of Equity Marketing, Inc. (which report and consolidated financial statements are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K) also included an audit of the financial statement schedules listed in Item 15(a)(2) of this Form 10-K. In our opinion, these financial statement schedules present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Los Angeles, CA
February 20, 2004

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# Report of Independent Public Accountants

To Equity Marketing, Inc.:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the consolidated financial statements of Equity Marketing, Inc. and subsidiaries included in this Form 10-K and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2002. Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule listed in the index in Item 14 is the responsibility of the Company's management and is presented for purposes of complying with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and is not part of the basic financial statements. This schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, fairly states in all material respects the financial data required to be set forth therein in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP
Arthur Andersen LLP

Los Angeles, California February 27, 2002

# **EQUITY MARKETING, INC.**

# SCHEDULE II--VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

(in thousands)

CLASSIFICATION	Balance at Beginning of of Year	C	Additions Charged to ating Expense	(	Additions Charged to Revenues	Net Deductions	Balance at End of Year
Year Ended December 31, 2001 Allowances for doubtful accounts receivable and sales returns	\$ 3,090	\$	336	\$	766	\$(1,856)(A)	\$ 2,336
Restructuring reserves	195	•		Ψ		(5)	190
Year Ended December 31, 2002 Allowances for doubtful accounts receivable						(-)	-7.
and sales returns	\$ 2,336	\$	484	\$	1,212	\$(1,999)(A)	\$ 2,033
Restructuring reserves Year Ended December 31, 2003 Allowances for doubtful accounts receivable	190		178			(139)	229
and sales returns	\$ 2,033	\$	277	\$	605	\$ (772)(A)	\$ 2,143
Restructuring reserves	229		366			(228)	367

<sup>(</sup>A) Represents product returns, credits applied and accounts receivable written off, net of recoveries.

# In closing

I would like to thank our remarkably talented and dedicated staff for consistently achieving a world-class level of creativity and service on behalf of our clients. We strive to be the employer of choice for smart, passionate, creative and ethical people, and we are thrilled with the quality of personnel we have been able to attract and retain.

I would also like to thank our clients and entertainment studio partners for their continued confidence in our ability to serve their needs. Because we're making substantial investments today to enhance our global reach, suite of services and marketing expertise, we believe that our clients will continue to find tremendous value in us as a truly integrated marketing partner.

Finally, I would like to thank our shareholders for their continuing support. We take great pride in faithfully operating the Company in the best interests of shareholders. I believe we demonstrated our commitment to shareholders in the past year through a number of actions to further enhance our corporate governance, such as increasing the independence of the board, appointing a lead outside director and reducing the use of stock options as a means of stock-based compensation in favor of less dilutive restricted stock units, which are being expensed on the income statement.

We are confident that we are implementing the right strategies and performing well on the elements of our business that are within our control. We are excited about the growth opportunities available in each of our businesses, and believe all of the pieces are in place to build the Company into a significantly larger and more valuable franchise in the future.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Kurz

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# **Outlook**

We are confident in the outlook for our business for 2004 and beyond. From a macro perspective, we consider the marketing services industry to be very healthy. Veronis Suhler Stevenson, a leading merchant bank focusing on the media and communications industry, expects the marketing services and specialty media market to grow at a compound annual rate of 6% from 2002 to 2007, which is up from the 4.5% annual growth experienced from 1997 to 2002. We believe that some trends behind this growth are evident in two recent keynote speeches by corporate executives. In a 2003 speech, Steve J. Heyer, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Coca-Cola Company, encouraged a group of media and marketing executives to consider a convergence in content, media and marketing to connect and communicate with consumers, ideas far beyond traditional advertising. And in 2004, John Hayes, Chief Marketing Officer for American Express, said his company's ad spend for TV has dropped to 35% of its media-buying budget, down from nearly 80% in 1994. These powerful statements illustrate the shift away from traditional advertising to results-driven methods of reaching consumers.

In addition to an improved industry outlook, we believe there are a number of catalysts in place that will accelerate our own growth, including:

- > Stable blue-chip client base
- > Meaningful incremental growth from SCI and JGI
- > Expansion of the Logistix Kids brand to the U.S.
- > Improved performance from Upshot
- > Full-year contributions from Disney's Kim Possible™ and Baby Einstein™
- > Incremental *Scooby Doo™* sales spurred by a new feature film release and subsequent home video
- > Strong balance sheet to facilitate continued M&A activity

In aggregate, we believe these catalysts will generate solid revenue growth going forward, which should also improve our level of profitability. We will be able to better leverage our existing infrastructure, and we are confident that we will see improvement in our operating margins as we run more revenue through the top line in the years ahead.

#### **Executive Officers**

# **Donald A. Kurz**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# Kim H. Thomsen President and Chief Creative Officer

#### Bret R. Hadley

President, Client Services and Operations

#### Gaetano A. Mastropasqua

President,

New Business and Client Services

#### lan P. Madeley

President, International

#### Teresa L. Tormey

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

#### Zohar Ziv

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### Directors

# Howard D. Bland 1 Former Partner,

Former Partne KPMG LLP

#### Sanford R. Climan<sup>2</sup>

President.

Entertainment Media Ventures, Inc.

#### Jeffrey S. Deutschman

Managing Director, Crown Capital Group

#### Jonathan D. Kaufelt 1.2

Former Partner, Armstrong, Hirsch, Jackoway, Tyerman & Wertheimer, P.C.

#### Donald A. Kurz

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Equity Marketing, Inc.

#### Alfred E. Osborne, Jr. 1, 3, 4

Senior Associate Dean, UCLA Anderson School of Management

#### Bruce I. Raben 2.3

Partner,

Hudson Capital Advisors, LLC

#### Stephen P. Robeck 3

Former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Equity Marketing, Inc.

- <sup>1</sup> Member of Audit Committee
- <sup>2</sup> Member of Compensation Committee
- <sup>3</sup> Member of Corporate Governance! Nominating Committee
- <sup>4</sup> Presiding Independent Director

#### **Transfer Agent**

# Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Co.

17 Battery Place New York, NY 10004

#### Independent Auditors

#### PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Los Angeles, California

#### Common Stock

Equity Marketing, Inc. Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol EMAK.

#### Corporate and Investor Information

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#### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain expectations and projections regarding the future performance of Equity Marketing. Inc. discussed in this Annual Report are forward-looking and are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These expectations and projections are based on currently available competitive, financial and economic data along with the Company's operating plans and are subject to future events and uncertainties. Management cautions the reader that the following factors, among others, could cause the Company's actual consolidated results of operations and financial position in 2004 and thereafter to differ significantly from those expressed in forward-looking statements: the Company's dependence on a single customer; the significant quarter-to-quarter variability in the Company's revenues and net income; the Company's dependence on the popularity of licensed entertainment properties and the ability to license, develop and market new products; the Company's dependence on foreign manufacturers; the Company's need for additional working capital; the negative results of litigation, governmental proceedings or environmental matters; and the potential negative impact of past or future acquisitions. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to forward-looking statements, which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. The risks highlighted herein should not be assumed to be the only items that could affect the future performance of the Company.

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